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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. TWO MARYKNOLL SISTERS VISITED EMBASSY FEBRUARY 2 AND TOLD THIS STORY. THE MARYKNOLLERS WORK IN AMATEPEQUE, A POOR SUBURB OF SANTA ANA.
3. LAST TUESDAY SOME TIME AROUND ELEVEN O'CLOCK -- WELL AFTER CURFEW -- SEVEN HEAVILY ARMED MEN DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES RAIDED TWO HOUSES NEAR THE LITTLE CONVENT WHERE THE MARYKNOLLERS LIVE. THE MEN ARE BELIEVED BY ALL THE NEIGHBORS TO HAVE BEEN [redacted] B1, E.D
MEMBERS OF ONE OF THE "DEATH SQUADS" OPERATING IN THE TOWN. [redacted] IN BOTH HOUSES THE FAMILIES

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HAD GONE TO BED, IN ONE PLACE AFTER HAVING WATCHED THE LAST TELEVISION SERIAL OF THE EVENING.
4. AN 18-YEAR OLD SON WAS TAKEN FROM ONE HOUSE, AND A 16-YEAR OLD SON FROM ANOTHER. THERE WERE SEVERAL YOUNG ADULTS IN ONE OF THE FAMILIES, LEADING TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE TWO PEOPLE TAKEN HAD BEEN FINGERED WITH PRECISION [redacted] THE B1, E.D
TWO YOUNG MEN WERE TAKEN A SHORT DISTANCE DOWN THE STREET AND KILLED -- CLOOUGH THAT THE FAMILIES OF BOTH HEARD THE SHOTS, ALTHOUGH BECAUSE OF THE CURFEW THEY COULD NOT GO OUT UNTIL FIVE O'CLOCK THE NEXT MORNING TO RECOVER THE BODIES.
5. BOTH YOUNG MEN HAD BEEN WORKING FOR SOME TIME IN MEXICO, AND RETURNED TO EL SALVADOR FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS GAINST THE ADVICE OF THEIR FAMILIES. THEY

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RETURNED "WELL FED AND HAPPY BECAUSE OF THE GOOD JOBS THEY HAD FOUND," AND BOTH PLANNED TO LEAVE AGAIN FOR MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 3.

6. THIS SAVAGE EVENT WELL ILLUSTRATES THE UNCERTAINTY AND FEAR IN WHICH MUCH OF THIS COUNTRY LIVES. THE ABDUCTIONS TOOK PLACE FROM A NIEGHBORHOOD THAT WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED WHEN IT WAS SHELLED BY GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES DURING THE "FINAL OFFENSIVE" IN EFFORT TO DESTROY A NEST OF GUERRILLAS. SEVERAL PEOPLE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIED.

7. NO ONE WILL KNOW FOR SURE WHY THE YOUNG MEN WERE HUNTED AND GUNNED DOWN. PERHAPS THIS WAS THE RESULT OF A GRUDGE OR A RUMOR. PERHAPS THEY WERE MEMBERS OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION -- THEIR HAPPY CIRCUMSTANCES IN MEXICO SEEM UNUSUAL; AND INSISTENCE ON RETURNING TO

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EL SALVADOR AND REMAINING THROUGH THE "OFFENSIVE" RAISES SUSPICION. ALL THAT IS CERTAIN IS THE LEGACY OF RAGE AND SADNESS THAT KEEPS BUILDING IN THIS COUNTRY.

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S SECOND WEEKLY REPORT ON POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR. THE REPORTING PERIOD COVERS THE WEEK BEGINNING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AND ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3.

2. DEATHS: AT LEAST 223 PEOPLE DIED IN EL SALVADOR AS A RESULT OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 27 THROUGH OCTOBER 3. THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE DEATHS COULD
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BE IDENTIFIED IN ONLY A FEW CASES. OF THE 223 AT LEAST

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THIRTY WERE KILLED BY LEFTIST TERRORISTS, NINETEEN BY THE MILITARY OR POLICE, AND FIVE BY RIGHTIST TERRORISTS. THE IDENTITIES OF THE CULPRITS IN THE REMAINING 169 CASES ARE UNKNOWN.

3. VIOLENT INCIDENTS:
--ON 9/27 A BOMB EXPLODED IN AND CAUSED SERIOUS DAMAGE TO A BOTTLING PLANT IN SAN MIGUEL;
--ON 9/27 COLONEL GABRIEL DE JESUS CONTREARAS WAS ATTACKED IN SAN SALVADOR BY A GROUP OF ARMED MEN IN A PASSING CAR; CONTRERAS SURVIVED THE ATTACK BUT A BODYGUARD DID NOT;
--ON 9/29 IN CHALCHUAPA (SAN MIGUEL) A GROUP OF ARMED INDIVIDUALS SOUGHT TO TAKE OVER THE CENTRAL MARKET TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM A SECOND GROUP THAT WAS ROBBING A BANK; FOUR PEOPLE DIED IN THE INCIDENT;
--ON 9/30 A GROUP OF TERRIORISTS ATTACKED CANDELARIA CONTON NEAR SAN CAYETANO ISTEPEQUE (SAN VICENTE) BUT WERE REPELLED BY THE TOWN MILITIA DURING THE PURSUIT OF THE TERRORISTS THE MILITIA WAS AMBUSHED AND SEVEN OF ITS MEMBERS KILLED; ONE TERRORIST WAS KILLED;
--ON OR ABOUT 9/30 THREE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AFTER A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSHED NEAR SAN ANTONIO LOS RANCHOS;
--ON 9/30 SAN MIGUEL RADIO STATION "RADIO CHAPARRASTIQUE" WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF THE PEOPLE (ERP);
--ON 9/30 A BUS WAS PARTIALLY BURNED NEAR SAN MIGUEL BY MEMBERS OF THE POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY BLOC (BPR);
--ON OR ABOUT 9/30 ONE SOLDIER AND ONE SUBVERSIVE WERE KILLED DURING A CONFRONTATIO NEAR ARCATAO (CHALATENANGO);
--A MILITARY PRESS RELEASE CLAIMED THAT ON OR ABOUT 9/30 SEVENTEEN PEOPLE -- APPARENTLY BOTH SOLDIERS AND SUBVERSIVES-- WERE KILLED RURING A CONFRONTATION NEAR CANTON SAN FRANCISCO
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(LA PAZ);
--ON 9/30 IN SAN SALVADOR TWO TEACHERS OF THE EXTERNADO SAN JOSE WERE ASSASSINATED AS THEY WAITED FOR A BUS IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL;
--ON 9/30 AN ARMED GROUP ROBBED SAN MIGUEL BRANCH OF THE INSTITUTE FOR PROVISIONS REGULATIONS (IRA);
--ON 9/30 IN CIUDAD CREDISA (SAN SALVADOR) UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS SHOT AND KILLED A TREASURY POLICE CORPORAL AND TWO CIVILIANS;
--ACCORDING TO A MILITARY PRESS RELEASE EIGHTEEN SUBVERSIVES

WERE KILLED IN CANTON SAN LUCAS (MORAZAN) ON OR ABOUT 9/30 WHEN A MILITARY PATROL CAME UPON A GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/1 THREE MEN WERE KILLED ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SANTA ANA AND SONSONATE WHEN THEIR TRUCK WAS BLOWN UP BY A BOMB INTENDED FOR A MILITARY CONVOY;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/1 A GROUP OF MEN WEARING OLIVE DRAB UNIFORMS STOPPED A BUS NEAR CANTO SAN PEDRO (CABANAS), PULLED THE PASSENGERS OFF THE BUS, SHOT AND KILLED FIVE OF THEM AND ROBBED THE REST;
--ON 10/2 ARMED MEN ENTERED CANTON AJILICO, SET FIRE TO TWELVE HOUSES AND KILLED ONE TOWNSMAN;
--ON 10/1 GUERRILLAS EXPLODED SEVERAL BOMBS BY A CEL (THE ELECTRIC COMPANY) SUBSTATION NEAR SANTA ANA;
--ON 10/2 INSAN SALVADOR TWO MEN WERE KILLED WHEN NATIONAL GUARDSMEN CAUGHT UP WITH TWO MEN WHO HAD HIJACKED A COCA COLA TRUCK;
--ON 10/2 IN SAN SAN SALVADOR THE OCCUPANTS OF A NEARLY BLOWN UP MILITARY VEHICLE ENGAGED THE BOMBERS IN A HALF-HOUR FIREFIGHT -- NO DEATHS WERE REPORTED;
--ON 10/2 SOLDIERS ENTERED THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE, SUPPOSEDLY AFTER TWO ARMED ASSAILANTS, AND EMERGED WITH WHAT WERE REPORTED AS LARGE QUANTITIES OF GUERRILLA PROPAGANDA;
--ON 10/2 BETWEEN JIQUILISCO AND SAN DRANCISCO JAVIER A GUERRILLA GROUP ASSAULTED A TRUCK TRANSPORTING WORKERS BUT WAS REPELLED BY THE PASSENGERS.
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--ON 10/2 A GROUP OF ARMED MEN ENTERED A BILLIARD HALL IN AYUTUXTEPEQUE (SAN SALVADOR), SELECTED SEVEN OF THE PLAYERS, LINED THEM UP AND SHOT THEM.
--ON 10/3 IN SAN SALVADOR AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY OF A BRANCH OF THE AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE BANK ENDED IN THE DEATHS OF AT LEAST SEVENTEEN PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM PROBABLY GUERRILLA BANK ROBBERS BUT ALSO INCLUDING TWO BANK GUARDS AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF MIDDLE-OF-CROSSFIRE VICTIMS.

4. REPORTED DISSAPPEARANCES: AT LEAST FIVE PEOPLE WERE REPORTED MISSING DURING THE SEVEN DAY REPORTING PERIOD.

5. WEEKEND UPDATE: AS OF 6:00 P.M. OCTOBER 5 WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION OF ANY NOTEWORTHY WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS.

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1. SUMMARY. VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR CONTINUES AT A HIGH LEVEL. DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4-10 THE NUMBER OF POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED KILLINGS WHICH THIS EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER THE PREVIOUS WEEK. AT LEAST 242 PEOPLE WERE KILLED--AS USUAL THE LARGEST PART IN UNATTRIBUTABLE VIOLENCE WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN FROM THE LEFT, THE RIGHT OR THE GENERAL LAWLESSNESS THAT PREVAILS HERE. AMONG THE DEAD WERE A MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, A PRIEST
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AND A PLO OFFICIAL. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES THE BOMBING OF THE BUILDING IN WHICH ACTING ARCHBISHOP RIVERA Y DAMAS HAS HIS OFFICES WAS A SIGNIFICANT--BUT AGAIN, UNATTRIBUTABLE--POLITICAL EVENT. THE PROSPECT IS FOR STILL MORE VIOLENCE AS THE REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA GOVERNMENT APPROACHES ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY. IN A GRUESOME EXPLANATION TO ONE OF LAST NOVEMBER'S ABDUCTIONS THE POPULAR FORCES OF LIBERATION HAVE CLAIMED THE MURDER OF SOUTH AFRICA'S AMBASSADOR NEAR. ARCHIBALD DUNN. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS. POLITICAL VIOLENCE TOOK THE LIVES OF AT LEAST 242 PEOPLE IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE WEEK OCTOBER 4 OCTOBER 10 ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THESE DEATHS COULD BE ACCURATELY ATTRIBUTED TO ANY GROUP. OF THE TOTAL, NO FEWER THAN THIRTY SEVEN WERE KILLED BY LEFTIST GUERRILLAS, TWENTY-THREE BY THE MILITARY AND TWO BY RIGHTIST TERRORISTS. A LARGE MAJORITY, 168, WAS MADE UP OF PEOPLE WHO WERE IN SOME CASES TAKEN FROM
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THEIR HOMES AND LATER FOUND DEAD, IN OTHER CASES SHOT FROM PASSING VEHICLES, IN MANY CASES SIMPLY UNIDENTIFIED BODIES FOUND SHOT TO DEATH IN FIELDS OR ROADSIDES.
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON 10/4 A CONFRONTATION OCCURRED NEAR CANTON AGUA ZARCA, TORCLA (MORAZAN) WHEN SECURITY FORCES SPOTTED LEFTIST GUERRILLAS ALLEGEDLY RIDING ALONG A ROADSIDE WAITING TO AMBUSH MILITARY PATROLS; NO DEATHS WERE REPORTED;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/4 A THIRTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL WAS KILLED IN CANTON CAROLINA, JUTIAPA (CABANAS) DURING AN ATTACK BY GUERRILLAS ON THE HOUSES OF THE CANTONAL COMMANDER AND OF A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL MILITIA;
--ON 10/5 A MILITARY SWEEP OF AN AREA NEAR SANTIAGO TEXACUANGOS (SAN SALVADOR) WAS INITIATED AFTER APPROXIMATELY TWENTY GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A NATIONAL GUARD PATROL; CASUALTIES WERE

NOT REPORTED;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/6 A GROUP OF ALLEGED TO BE LEFTISTS ATTACKED AND BURNED AN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE NEAR CANDELARIA DE LA FRONTERA (SANTA ANA);
--ON 10/6 IN THE CITY OF SANTA ANA SECURITY FORCES KILLED FIVE OF A GROUP OF A REPORTED FORTY MEMBER GANG OF BANDITS DESCRIBED AS "MASQUERADING" AS LEFTIST GUERRILLAS;
--ON 10/6 IN THE CITY OF SANTA ANA A SOFT DRINK DISTRIBUTORSHIP WAS ROBBED OF WEAPONS AND A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY BY A GROUP OF MASKED MEN;
--ON 10/6 AN ARMY CAPTAIN WAS KILLED ON THE ROAD BETWEEN AUGUSTARES AND SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN) WHEN A MINE EXPLODED NEAR THE VEHICLE IN WHICH HE AND SEVERAL TROOPS WERE RIDING;
--ON 10/6 FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN A MILITARY PATROL AND SUSPECTED LEFT-WING EXTREMISTS NEAR CANTON EL TAPON, SOCIEDAD (MORAZAN);
--ON 10/6 NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT BUSINESSMAN GUILLERMO CANAHUATI HAD BEEN RELEASED ON 9/25 AFTER PAYMENT OF AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT OF MONEY TO THE REVOLUTIONARY CENTRAL AMERICAN WORKERS PARTY (PRTC), WHICH HAD HELD CANAHUATI CAPTIVE SINCE 8/20;
--ON 10/7 IN SANTA ANA NATIONAL POLICE RESCUED PEDRO GUEVARA, A FORMER MAYOR AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, FROM A GROUP OF LEFTIST TERRORISTS WHO WERE OUT TO ASSASSINATE HIM;
--ON 10/7 THE BODY OF MARIA MAGDALENA ENRIQUEZ, A MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, WAS FOUND BURIED IN A SHALLOW GRAVE NEAR THE ROAD TO SAN DIEGO (LA LIBERTAD);
--ON 10/7 A BOMB DESTROYED THE ENTRANCE TO THE OFFICES OF SAN SALVADOR'S ARCHDIOCESE SHORTLY AFTER THE REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT (FDR) OCCUPIERS OF THE OAS OFFICES HAD ARRIVED AT THE ARCHDIOCESE;
--THE BODY OF FATHER MANUEL REYES MONICO, A FORMER AIR FORCE CHAPLAIN, WAS FOUND IN AN AREA NORTH OF SAN SALVADOR ON 10/7,

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ONE DAY AFTER HE HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BY INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING TO BE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES;
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--ON 10/7 A GROUP IDENTIFIED BY A MILITARY PRESS RELEASE AS
FPL MEMBERS SET FIRE TO A BUS IN CANTON SANTA RITA;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/7 A GROUP OF TERRORISTS SET FIRE TO THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND THE ANTEL BUILDING IN NUEVO EDUBTICAN
(SAN VICENTE);
--ON OR ABOUT 10/7 NEAR CANTON LOS SITIOS GUERRILLAS AMBUSHED
A MILITARY PATROL AND INJURED SEVERAL SOLDIERS;
--ON 10/10 NEWSPAPER REPORTS INDICATED THAT RESIDENTS OF THE
CANTONS OJATZANGO LAPGO, CONCEPCION AND CARCINA (CABANAS) WERE
LEAVING THEIR TOWNS FOR FEAR OF GUERRILLAS WHO MADE A HABIT
OF ENTERING HOUSES AT NIGHT AND EXECUTING PEOPLE OPPOSED TO
THEM;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/7 NEAR CANTON SITIO VIEJO, ILLOPASCO
(CABANAS) FOURTEEN PEASANT MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL MILITIA WERE
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KILLED BY GUERRILLAS POSSIBLY IN RETRIBUTION FOR THE DEATH OF
A GUERRILLA A DAY EARLIER;
--ON 10/8 SAN SALVADOR RADIO STATION YSC WAS TAKEN OVER BY
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (FARN) WHO
FORCED AN ANNOUNCER TO PLAY A TAPE CONDEMNINGGZRE JBG AND
LISTING FARN'S MOST RECENT ESCAPADES;
--ON 10/8 IN SAN SALVADOR A BRANCH OF ATLACATL SAVINGS AND LOAN
WAS ROBBED OF A "REGULAR" AMOUNT OF MONEY BY A GROUP
OF ARMED AND MASKED MEN;
--ON 10/8 A POLICEMAN WAS INJURED WHEN A GROUP OF MEN
MACHINE-GUNNED THE BUILDING HOUSING SAN SALVADOR'S MUNICIPAL
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT;
--ON 10/8 A BOMB WAS THROWN AT THE HOUSE OF THE MAYOR OF EL
REFUGIO, ATIQUIZAYA (AHUACHAPAN) BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS
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FOR UNKNOWN REASONS;
--ON 10/8 TWO BOMBS EXPLODED IN A BUSINESS IN CHALCHUAPA (SANTA ANA);
--ON 10/8 GUERRILLAS BLEW UP THE BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER SUMPUL, EFFECTIVELY CUTTING OFF THE AREA AROUND ARCATAO (CHALATENANGO);
--ON 10/8 A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT TROOPS AND LEFTIST GUERRILLAS NEAR SANTA RITA (CHALANTENANGO) LEFT THIRTEEN DEAD AND AT LEAST ONE INJURED;
--ON 10/8 NEAR CANTON EL CARAO, TECOLUCA (SAN VICENTE) AN ATTACK BY GUERRILLAS ON A MILITARY CONVOY LEFT FOUR SOLDIERS AND TWO CIVILIAN GUIDES DEAD;
--ON 10/8 IN THE LA SULTANA SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR EIGHT ARMED MEN DRESSED IN OLIVE DRAB ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK A ROAD WITH A BUS BUT WERE INTERRUPTED BY NATIONAL POLICE WHO FIRED AT THE EIGHT; REPORTS DID NOT MENTION CASUALTIES;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/9 ONE MEMBER OF THE MILITIA WAS KILLED NEAR CANTON POTRERO, SAN ISIDRO BY GUERRILLAS WHO ATTACKED A MILITARY CONVOY;
--ON 10/9 THE NATIONAL GUARD POST IN SAN MIGUEL WAS ATTACKED

BY GUERRILLAS WHO WERE REPELLED BY THE GUARDSMEN;
--ON 10/9 ONE LEFTIST GUERRILLA WAS KILLED AFTER REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTING TO RESIST A SEARCH OF HIS HOME BY NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS; A QUANTITY OF BOMBS, ARMS, AMMUNITION AND FPL (REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF THE PEOPLE) PROPAGANDA WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN FOUND INSIDE THE HOUSE;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/9 A NATIONAL GUARD MEMBER WAS KILLED NEAR SAN JOSE LAS FLORES (CHALANTENANGO) DURING AN AMBUSH OF A PATROL;
--ON 10/9HQSAN SALVADOR RADIO STATIONS BROADCAST AN FPL (POPULAR FORCES OF LIBERATION) STATEMENT INDICATING THAT SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR ARCHIBALD DUNN HAD BEEN EXECUTED AND THAT DUNN'S FAMILY WOULD NEVER KNOW WHERE THE BODY WAS BURIED;
--ON 10/10 SIX MASKED MEN RIDING IN A SMALL TRUCK INTERCEPTED THE CAR OF MELVI ORTIZANA, A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER, AND ASSASSINATED HIM; THE SIX LEFT AN FPL BANNER BY ORTIZANA'S BODY;
4. RETROSPECTIVE: EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATHS OF THE SEVEN MEN KILLED ON 10/2 IN AYUTUXTEPEQUE (REFTEL). WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THREE OR FOUR OF THE DEAD WERE MEMBERS OF THE POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY BLOC (BPR). ONE OF THE GROUP OF KILLERS SINGLED OUT THE SEVEN WHO WERE TO BE SHOT FROM THE REST OF THE CROWD. OUR CONTACT BELIEVED THAT THE SEVEN WERE KILLED BY A RIGHTIST GANG COMPOSED OF OFF DUTY MILITARY AND CIVILIAN POLICE DETECTIVES.
5. ALTHOUGH THE FPL ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD KILLED AMBASSADOR DUNN "SEVERAL DAYS" BEFORE ITS ANNOUNCEMENT, FRIENDS OF DUNN HAVE REMARKED THAT HE WAS IN ILL HEALTH AND COULD HAVE DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES.

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6. WEEKEND SUPPLEMENT: FOUR BOMBS WERE DETONATED AROUND SAN SALVADOR SUNDAY EVENING OCTOBER 12. THE TARGETS WERE TWO FACTORIES, THE HOUSE OF WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN, AND A CAESS (ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY OF EL SALVADOR) SUBSTATION. A LARGE
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PORTION OF THE CITY WAS WITHOUT ELECTRIC POWER FOR ALMOST ONE HOURS. DURING THE BLACKOUT AT LEAST ONE GUN BATTLE TOOK PLACE AND SEVERAL STORES WERE LOOTED.
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1. SUMMARY: AMONG THE 169 PEOPLE WHO DIED AS VICTIMS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE DURING THE WEEK OCTOBER 25-31 WERE THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR, FELIX ULLOA, AND RAMON VALLADARES, A MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. DURING THE WEEK, A SECOND BOMBING OF THE JESUIT FATHERS' RESIDENCE OCCURRED, DESTROYING THE HOUSE THAT HAD BEEN DAMAGED THREE DAYS EARLIER. LEFTIST GUERRILLAS WERE ALSO ACTIVE LAST WEEK. IN CANTON SITIO VIEJO NEAR ILOPANGO
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(CABANAS) SEVERAL TOWNSPEOPLE WERE ASSASSINATED BY GUERRILLAS. LEFTISTS ALSO RAIDED THE TOWN OF TONACATEPEQUE (SAN SALVADOR), STOPPED AND BURNED A TRAIN NEAR SAN SALVADOR, AND CARRIED OUT SIMULTANEOUS TAKEOVERS OF RADIO STATIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.
2. DEATHS: AT LEAST 169 PEOPLE WERE VICTIMS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25-31. THE EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF THE PERPETRATORS IN 125 OF THOSE CASES. OF THE REST, THIRTY-FOUR ARE BELIEVED KILLED BY ITS, RIGHT BY RIGHTIST TERRORISTS AND TWO BY THE MILITARY. (NOTE: ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE GOOD REASON FOR SUSPECTING THAT UNIVERSITY RECTOR ULLOA AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST VALLADARES WERE KILLED BY THE RIGHT, WE MUST INCLUDE THESE DEATHS IN THE "UNRESOLVED" CATEGORY..INDICATION, IF ANOTHER WERE NEEDED, OF THE ENIGMATIC NATURE OF CRIME HERE. A SELF PROCLAIMED "EYEWITNESS"

TO THE ULLOA SLAYING TOLD A CLOSE CONTACT OF THE EMBASSY THAT THE ASSASSINS WERE "YOUNG MEN--JUST KIDS," BUT NO GROUP HAS COME FORWARD TO CLAIM THE CRIME.)
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON 12/26 THE BODY OF SALVADORAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEMBER RAMON VALLADARES WAS FOUND DEAD OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS ON A SAN SALVADOR STREET;
--ON 12/26 A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK CAUSING MAJOR DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING;
--ON 12/26 A ROCKET HIT THE OFFICERS CLUB ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HIGH COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN SAN SALVADOR; A RADIO REPORT ON 12/30 INDICATED THAT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE (FARN) HAD CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK;
--ON 12/26 GUERRILLAS MACHINE-GUNNED A BUS IN CHALATENANGO, CAUSING THE DEATHS OF TWO PEOPLE AND INJURING SEVEN OTHERS;
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--ON 12/26 ONE BYSTANDER WAS KILLED IN SANTA ANA DURING AN EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE BETWEEN UNKNOWN GUNMEN;
--ON 12/27 SEVERAL RADIO STATIONS IN SAN SALVADOR, SANTA ANA AND SAN MIGUEL WERE TAKEN OVER BY MEMBERS OF THE UNIFIED REVOLUTIONARY DIRECTORATE (DRU) AND USED TO BROADCAST A TAPE CRITICAL OF THE GOES;
--ON 12/27, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN FOUR DAYS, A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS WHICH SLIGHTLY INJURED ONE PERSON AND CAUSED MAJOR DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE;
--ON 12/27 SOLDIERS IN AHUACHAPAN KILLED TWO OF A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS WHO ATTACKED THE ANTEL BUILDING;
--ON 12/27 ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SAN MIGUEL AND LA UNION FOUR MEMBERS OF A GROUP OF GOES RS WERE INJURED DURING AN AMBUSH BY GUERRILLAS;
--ON 12/28 A GROUP OF ABOUT FIFTEEN GUERRILLAS TOOK OVER CANTON SITIO VIEJO NEAR ILOBASCO (CABANAS) AND KILLED SIXTEEN RESIDENTS, MANY OF THEM MEMBERS OF THE TOWN'S CIVILIAN MILITIA;
--ON 12/28 THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR AND HIS DRIVER WERE ASSASSINATED ON A SAN SALVADOR STREET;
--ON 12/28 THE HOUSE OF THE MAYOR OF SAN MIGUEL WAS ATTACKED BY UNKNOWN GUNMEN WHO INJURED A WATCHMAN;
--ON 12/29 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB DAMAGED THE BUILDING HOUSING A SHIPPING COMPANY;
--ON 12/29 GUERRILLAS STOPPED AND THEN SET FIRE TO A TRAIN NEAR NEJAPA (SAN SALVADOR);
--ON 12/29 GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE TOWN OF TONACATEPEQUE (SAN SALVADOR) WHERE THEY DESTROYED ANTEL INSTALLATIONS; BURNED AND SACKED SEVERAL BUSINESSES, AND SET FREE THIRTY EIGHT PRISONERS IN THE COURSE OF DESTROYING THE TOWN'S JAIL;
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--ON 10/30 GUERRILLAS REPORTED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE (FARN) SIMULTANEOUSLY
ATTACKED EACH OF THE SECURITY FORCES HEADQUARTERS IN SANTA
ANA AS WELL AS THE ANTEL BUILDING;
--ON 10/30 UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS FIRED AT THE OFFICES OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT CAUSING SOME DAMAGE BUT NO
INJURIES;
--ON 10/30 ELECTRICITY TO THE SAN SALVADOR SUBURB OF AYUTUX-
TEPEQUE WAS CUT OFF BY THE BOMBING OF A TRANSMISSION
LINE;
--ON 10/30 A PRISON IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF SAN SALVADOR
WAS FIRED AT (USING A TEMPORARY PRISON RIOT;
--ON 10/31 A RADIO STATION NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR
WAS TAKEN OVER BY GUERRILLAS IN ORDER TO PLAY TAPED
ANTI-GOVERNMENT MESSAGES;
--ON 10/31 A GROUP OF NINE ROAD WORKERS AND WATCHMEN WERE KILLED
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BY GUERRILLAS NEAR LAS VIBORAS ON THE ROAD TO SUCHITOTO (CUS-
CATLAN);
--ON 10/31 TWO NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS WERE KILLED DURING AN
AMBUSH OF A MILITARY CONVOY NEAR LAS VUELTAS (CHALATENANGO).
4. RECENT EVENTS: AS THIS CABLE LEAVES US LATE SUNDAY
AFTERNOON 11/2/82 NO NEWS OF WEEKEND VIOLENCE OF SIGNIFICANCE
HAS REACHED THE EMBASSY. HON
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TAGS: ASEC PINS PINT SHUM ES
SUBJECT: (U) VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: NOVEMBER 1-7
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SUMMARY: THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER WAS ANOTHER WEEK OF WIDESPREAD
VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR. ONE MEMBER OF THE JRG, COL. MAJANO,
WAS VERY NEARLY KILLED BY A POWERFUL CAR BOMB. THE INCIDENT
IS INDICATIVE OF THE NATURE OF THE VIOLENCE IN THIS COUNTRY--
SOME CLAIM THAT THE RIGHT WAS TRYING TO GET MAJANO. OTHERS SAY
NOT SO; IT WAS THE LEFT TRYING TO GET DEFENSE MINISTER GARCIA,
AND AT LEAST ONE INVENTIVE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT SAYS THAT MAJANO
PROBABLY SET THE BOMB HIMSELF IN ORDER TO GET BACK INTO THE NEWS-
PAPERS. IN ANY EVENT, MAJANO WAS SPARED BY THE BOMB, BUT AT
LEAST 222 PEOPLE WERE NOT AS LUCKY THIS WEEK. AMONG THE VICTIMS
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WERE THE MANAGER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR AND ANOTHER BUSINESSMAN,
BOTH ASSASSINATED BY LEFTISTS WHO ARE ADAMANT THAT THE FAIR WILL
NOT GO ON. THIS WEEK GUERILLAS ALSO ENGAGED IN THE SACKING OF
TOWNS, AN ATTACK AGAINST A MILITARY GARRISON IN SANTA ANA, AND,
TO CULMINATE THE WEEK, A SERIES OF ACTIONS AGAINST MILITARY
GARRISON IN SANTA ANA, AND, TO CULMINATE THE WEEK, A SERIES OF
ACTIONS AGAINST MILITARY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS IN
AND AROUND SAN SALVADOR DURING THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 7. ON THE
OTHER SIDE, RIGHTISTS ONCE AGAIN ATTACKED A CHURCH BUILDING
THIS TIME BLOWING UP THE PARISH HOUSE OF A GROUP OF BELGIAN PRIESTS.
FINALLY, THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF A BRUTAL ACTION BY THE
MILITARY IN A POOR SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR: ABOUT FIFTY PEOPLE,
MOSTLY YOUNG, WERE SUPPOSEDLY ROUNDED UP BY THE MILITARY IN
IN AMATEPEC, AND THEIR BODIES ARE REPORTEDLY NOW BEING FOUND IN

GROUPS IN DIFFERENT AREAS.
DEATHS: THERE WERE AT LEAST 222 VICTIMS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE WEEK NOVEMBER 1-7. OF THESE VICTIMS AT LEAST THIRTY-TWO WERE KILLED BY LEFTISTS, FIVE BY THE MILITARY AND FIVE BY RIGHTIST TERRORISTS.
INCIDENTS: --ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, ON 1/1 A CLASH BETWEEN SOLDIERS AND GUERILLAS IN THE AMATEPEC SECTION OF SOYAPANGO (SAN SALVADOR) RESULTED IN THREE DEATHS AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF INJURIES. (COMMENT: A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE EMBASSY SAID THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT SEVERAL TRUCKLOADS OF SOLDIERS ARRIVED IN THE AREA AND BEGAN A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH. HE CLAIMED THAT ABOUT FIFTY PEOPLE WERE TAKEN AWAY AND THAT AT LEAST TEN OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FOUND DEAD. THIS VERSION OF EVENTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE TRUE; EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS ACCURATE. END COMMENT.)
--ON 11/2 A BOMB EXPLODED IN A GAS DISTRIBUTORSHIP IN SAN MIGUEL BUT CAUSED MINIMAL DAMAGE.
--ON 11/3 A VERY POWERFUL BOMB EXPLODED NEAR THE ISTA (SALVADORAN INSTITUTE FOR AGRARIAN REFORM) HEADQUARTERS IN SAN SALVAD R JUST

AS JUS MEMBER COL. MAJANO AND HIS GUARD FORCE WERE PASSING THE AREA. DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT ARE STILL MURKY; IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION PLACED THE BOMB, HOW MANY PEOPLE, IF ANY, DIED IN THE INCIDENT, OR EVEN IF THE BLAST WAS DIRECTED AT COL. MAJANO.
--ON 11/3 THE MANAGER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR, MANUEL RIVAS RODRIGUEZ, WAS ASSASSINATED IN SAN SALVADOR BY A GROUP WHICH INCLUDED TWO WOMAN. RIVAS' WIFE IS REPORTED TO HAVE DIED LATER FROM WOUNDS SUFFERED IN THE INCIDENT. THE POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (FPL) CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ASSASSINATION.
--ON 11/3 THE TOWN OF NEJAPA (SAN SALVADOR) WAS OCCUPIED BY A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS WHO BURNED THE ANTEL BUILDING AND SACKED SEVERAL STORES WHILE SHOUTING REVOLUTIONARY SLOGANS AND THREATENING TO CARRY OUT PUBLIC EXECUTIONS. (COMMENT: NEWSPAPER REPORTS CLAIMED OVER 300 GUERRILLAS PARTICIPATED IN THIS ACTION BUT AN EMBASSY SOURCE WHO TRAVELLED TO NEJAPA TOLD US THAT RESIDENTS SPOKE IN TERMS OF THIRTY TO FIFTY. END COMMENT)
--ON 11/3 SEVERAL SAN SALVADOR RADIO STATIONS WERE TAKEN OVER BY MEMBERS OF LEFTIST GROUPS (ERP, FPL, AND FMLN) WHO USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BROADCAST MESSAGE SEVERELY CRITICAL OF THE GOES.
--ON 11/3 APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE ARMED MEN ENTERED THE TOWN OF SAN BARTOLOME PERULAPIA (CUSCATLAN), KILLED ONE MAN IN HIS HOUSE, WENT ON TO KILL A WOMAN WHOSE HUSBAND THEY COULD NOT FIND, AND ENDED BY BLOWING UP THE HOUSE OF THE DEAD WOMAN'S MOTHER
--ON OR ABOUT 11/3 GUERRILLAS AMBUSHED A MILITARY PATROL ON THE ROAD TO CERRON GRANDE (CABANAS) KILLING TWO SOLDIERS AND WOUNDING TWO OTHERS.
--ON OR ABOUT 11/3 A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSHED NEAR TECOLUCA (SAN VICENTE).

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--ON 11/4 A CLASH OCCURRED BETWEEN SOLDIERS AND A LARGE GROUP OF GUERILLAS ON THE COAST HIGHWAY NEAR LA UNION. THE GUERILLAS WERE REPORTEDLY ASSAULTING PASSING VEHICLES BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE MILITARY.
--ON 11/4 THE HARTICS RESTAURANT IN SAN SALVADOR WAS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY A BOMB EXPLOSION.
--ON 11/4 THE FRANCISCO MORAZAN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN SALVADOR (SAN SALVADOR) WAS DAMAGED BY A BOMB EXPLOSION.
--ON 11/4 A SAN SALVADOR BRANCH OF AHORROMENT, A SAVINGS AND LOAN ENTERPRISE, WAS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY A BOMB EXPLOSION.
--ON 11/4 SIX RESIDENTS OF CANTON HUIZILTEPEQUE NEAR SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN (CUSCATLAN) WERE ASSASSINATED AND TWO OTHERS INJURED BY A GROUP OF ABOUT FIFTY GUERILLAS. THREE WOMEN WERE REPORTED TO HAVE FORMED PART OF THE GROUP.
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--ON 11/5 GUERRILLAS USED GRENADE LAUNCHERS TO ATTACK THE SECOND INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS IN SANTA ANA. NEWSPAPER REPORT INDICATED THAT ONE GRENADE MISSED ITS TARGET AND LANDED ON A HOUSE WHERE IT KILLED ONE CHILD. TWO GUERILLAS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN A COLLISION BETWEEN THEIR VEHICLE AND A MILITARY TRUCK. A TOTAL OF FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND TWENTY-FIVE INJURED.
--ON 11/5 THREE GUERILLAS WERE KILLED BY SOLDIERS WHO ENTERED AND DESTROYED THEIR ENCAMPMENT NEAR CAN TON EL JOCOTE (LA LIBERTAD).
--ON 11/5 A BOMB EXPLOSION DID SERIOUS DAMAGE TO A PARRISH HOUSE OCCUPIED BY BELGIAN PRIESTS IN EL ZACAMIL SECTION OF MEJICANOS (SAN SALVADOR)
--ON 11/5 MEMBERS OF THE ERP-28 (POPULAR
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LEAGUES OF 28 FEBRUARY) TOOK OVER A RADIO STATION IN CANTON COMECAYO (SANTA ANA) IN ORDER TO BROADCAST AN ANTI-GOES MESSAGE.
--ON 11/5 A FORTY-FIVE YEAR OLD MEMBER OF FARN (ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE) WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TURNED HIMSELF IN TO THE NATIONAL GUARD IN BERLIN (USULUTAN) AND INFORMED THE AUTHORITIES OF THE LOCATION OF GUERRILLA CELLS IN THE AREA.
--ON 11/5 FOUR GUERRILLAS STOPPED AND BURNED A TRUCK BELONGING TO A CIGARETTE DISTRIBUTOR IN SOYAPANGO (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON 11/5 A BOMB EXPLOSION DESTROYED THE MUEBLES IMPERIO STORE IN SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 11/5 A BOMB EXPLOSION DESTROYED PART OF A GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN USULUTAN.
(C) --ON 11/6 THE OWNER OF MUEBLES IMPERIO, GERARDO CASTRO LINARES, WAS ASSASSINATED AND TWO RELATIVES INJURED AS THEY DROVE ALONG A SAN SALVADOR STREET. (COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF CASTRO AS WELL AS THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS BUSINESS WERE CARRIED OUT BECAUSE OF HIS REFUSAL TO END HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR. END COMMENT.)
--ON 11/6 A TRUCK TRANSPORTING GASOLINE WAS STOPPED AND FIRE BOMBED BY APPROXIMATELY TWENTY GUERRILLAS ON THE ROAD NEAR

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ITALCO (SONSONATE).
--ON 11/6 THREE EXPLOSIONS NEAR THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF IN SAN SALVADOR PROVOKED AN INTENSE FIREFIGHT.
--ON 11/6 A GUN BATTLE BETWEEN POLICE AND A GROUP WHICH TRIED TO ROB A SAN SALVADOR STORE ENDED IN TWO DEATHS OF TWO PEOPLE AND INJURIES TO SIX OTHERS.
--ON 11/6 TWENTY YOUNGFUL LEFTIST MILITANTS TURNED THEMSELVES IN TO THE SONSONATE MILITARY GARRISON. THE GROUP MEMBERS CLAIMED TO BE FROM NAHUIZALCO (SONSONATE) AND TO HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING NEAR SANTA ANA.
--ON 11/7 GUERRILLAS CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF ACTIONS IN AND AROUND SAN SALVADOR. THESE ACTIONS INCLUDED A BAZOOKA ATTACK AGAINST THE 1ST BRIGADE "SAN CARLOS" GARRISON, SEVERAL ASSAULTS ON POLICE STATIONS, AND BOMBINGS OF ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE LINES. GUNFIRE WAS WIDESPREAD AND INTENSE. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING THE VIOLENT EVENING. THE FOLLOWING DAY THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTIONS. (COMMENT: AN EMBASSY OFFICER WITNESSED ON ACTION AGAINST A TELEPHONE INSTALLATION. EMBOFF WAS FORCED TO STOP BY A CAR WHICH STOPPED SUDDENLY IN FRONT OF HIS OWN. ONE OCCUPANT OF THE CAR STEPPED OUT AND POINTED A GUN AT EMBOFF; A SECOND OCCUPANT PLACED A BOMB BY THE TARGET TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT; BOTH THEN GOT BACK INTO THE CAR AND FLED. EMBOFF'S GETAWAY WAS MADE DIFFICULT BY A SECOND GROUP OF GUERRILLAS WHO HAD BLOCKED THE STREET WITH A BUS AND WERE IN THE PROCESS OF SHOOTING OUT THE BUS' TIRES. DESPITE THE OBSTRUCTION EMBOFF WAS ABLE TO MAKE A SAFE ESCAPE AND COMMENT.
--ON 11/7 DR. BERTRAN JOVEL, THE LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE GREEN CROSS

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AND A FORMER JUVENILE COURT JUDGE, WAS ASSASSINATED IN HIS CAR IN SAN SALVADOR. A SIGN ACCUSING JOVEL OF BEING AN ENEMY OF THE WORKING CLASS AND SIGNED BY THE FPL (POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES) WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN FOUND AT THE SCENE.

--ON 11/7 NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT SEVERAL BODIES HAD BEEN FOUND IN THE SAN MIGUEL AREA ALONG WITH A "CURIOUS" SIGN. THE SIGN WAS REPORTED TO READ: "BITE RONALD REAGAN ALL OF THE GUERRILLAS AND UNBEHAVED IN EL SALVADOR WILL BE ELIMINATED.

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[illegible] VIOLENCE. NO SIGNIFICANT WEEKEND VIOLENCE HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY AS THIS IS SENT SUNDAY AFTERNOON 11/9. SECURITY AT THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR, AN ANNOUNCED TARGET OF THE LEFT, HAS BEEN EXTREMELY TIGHT BEGINNING SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE ITS 11/7 OPENING. ATTENDANCE AT THE FAIR HAS BEEN GOOD.

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SUBJ: (U) VIOLENCE RISES IN RIVIERA: NOVEMBER 8 - 14
(C) SUMMARY: THIS WEEK WAS MARKED BY A LEVEL OF VIOLENCE SIMILAR TO LAST WEEK. AT LEAST 202 PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING THE WEEK, AMONG THEM THE LEADER OF A LARGE DEMOCRATIC LABOR UNION, FELIPE ZALDIVAR. ALSO DURING THE WEEK GUERRILLAS SUCCEEDED IN DISARMING SEVERAL POLICE BY LOBBING A GRENADE IN THEIR TRUCK, WERE ABLE TO TAKE OVER AT LEAST ONE TOWN AND SEVERAL RADIO STATIONS FOR SHORT PERIODS AND, ACCORDING TO BISHOP RIVERA Y DAMAS, KILLED AT LEAST SEVEN PEOPLE IN ONE TOWN IN RETRIBUTION FOR THE KILLING OF SEVERAL GUERRILLAS BY THE NATIONAL GUARD. RIGHTIST KILLERS
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WERE ALSO ACTIVE; THE BODIES OF TWELVE VICTIMS OF THE DEATH SQUADS WERE FOUND NEAR THE ROAD BETWEEN SAN SALVADOR AND SANTA ANA. A CLOSE EMBASSY CONTACT TOLD US THAT RIGHTIST ARE INTENT ON KILLING JRG MEMBER MAJANO AND ONE OR MORE JESUIT PRIESTS. END SUMMARY
(U) DEATHS: AT LEAST 202 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE WEEK NOVEMBER 8-14. WE ARE NOT SURE WHO KILLED 134 OF THESE PEOPLE OR FOR WHAT REASON--IF ANY. WE DO KNOW THAT TWENTY-SEVEN WERE KILLED BY THE MILITARY, TWENTY-ONE BY LEFTIST GUERRILLAS, AND TWENTY BY RIGHTIST "TERRORISTS."
INCIDENTS:
-- ON 11/8 ONE MEMBER OF THE POLICE WAS KILLED WHEN GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE ANTEL (THE TELEPHONE COMPANY) OFFICES IN SAN VICENTE.
-- ON OR ABOUT 11/8 A GROUP OF FIVE GUERRILLAS RANGING IN AGE FROM

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FOURTEEN TO TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD TOOK OVER SONSONATE RADIO STATION YSTS IN ORDER TO PLAY A TAPE INVITING THE LISTERS TO REVOLT.

-- ON OR ABOUT 11/8 A BOMB WAS EXPLODED BY THE GUALAMA BRIDGE NEAR CHAPELTIQUE (SAN VICENTE).

-- ON OR ABOUT 11/8 A GROUP OF ABOUT TWENTY GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A BUS NEAR JUTIAPA (CABANAS); FOUR NATIONAL GUARDSMEN RIDING IN THE BUS SURPRISED THE GUERRILLAS AND KILLED ONE S THEM.

-- ON OR ABOUT 11/9 FPL (POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES) MEMBERS DYNAMITED A LOCOMOTIVE NEAR EL PAISNAL (SAN SALVADOR).

--ON OR ABOUT 11/9 SOLDIERS ATTACKED A GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT NEAR CANTON SAN JOSE, TEJUTLA (CHALATENANGO) KILLING TWO OF THE GUERRILLAS.

-- ON OR ABOUT 11/9 IN TECOLUCA (SAN VICENTE) ONE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN WAS INJURED WHEN A GROUP OF GUARDSMEN PROTECTING ELECTRICAL WORKERS WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS.

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U-- ON 11/10 A GROUP OF ARMED MEN STOPPED A BUS AND ROBBED THE PASSENGERS NEAR APOPA (SAN SALVADOR).

--ON 10/11 NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS DISCOVERED A GUERRILLA CELL AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF BOMBS, ROCKETS, GRENADES, AND MUNITIONS IN A SAN SALVADOR HOUSE WHICH WAS DISGUISED AS AN ART GALLERY.

-- ON 11/11 FPL MEMBERS ENTERED THE OFFICES OF THE MAJOR OF SACACOYO (LA LIBERTAD) AND, ON NOT FINDING THE MAYOR, OPTED TO KIDNAP HIS EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD ASSISTANT.

-- ON 11/11 NATIONAL GUARDSMEN WERE REPORTED TO HAVE CAPTURED ANTONIO HANDAL, THE BROTHER OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SALVADORAN COMMUNIST PARTY. THE NATIONAL GUARD HAS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HANDAL'S CAPTURE.

-- ON 11/12 GUERRILLAS USED BUSES TO BLOCK THE ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN OF APOPA (SAN SALVADOR) AND THEN PROCEEDED TO DISRUPT THE TOWN BY FIRING INTO THE AIR AND INCITING THE POPULATION TO JOIN THE REVOLUTION. THEY WERE DRIVEN OFF AFTER TWO HOURS.

-- ON 11/12 GUERRILLAS FORCED THE ANNOUNCER OF A RADIO STATION LOCATED BETWEEN APOPA AND GUAZAPA (SAN SALVADOR) TO PLAY AN INSURRECTIONIST MESSAGE.

-- ON 11/13 IN SAN SALVADOR A POLICE TRUCK WAS HIT BY A GRENADE WHICH CAUSED THE DRIVER TO LOSE CONTROL AND THE VEHICLE TO PLUNGE OFF AN EMBANKMENT; INITIAL NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS INDICATED THAT A BAZOOKA WAS USED (NOT SO) AND THAT THREE POLICE DIED AND NINE WERE INJURED BUT MORE RECENT REPORTS CITE A FIGURE OF TEN DEAD AND FIFTEEN WOUNDED; THE FARN (ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE) CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK.

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-- ON 11/13 GUERRILLAS SET FIRE TO FOUR BUSES IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF SAN SALVADOR.
-- ON 11/13 THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR TONACATEPEQUE AND HIS SECRETARY WERE FOUND DEAD ON A ROAD NEAR LA LIBERTAD.
-- ON OR ABOUT 11 13 A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS ATTACKED AN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION NEAR SAN JUAN OPICO (LA LIBERTAD)
-- ON OR ABOUT 11 13 A CONFRONTATI
JUNTAREN SOLDIERS AND GUER-
RILLAS NEAR CANTON LA ESTRADURA (LA PAZ) LEFT SIX SOLDIERS DEAD AND TWO INJURED.
-- ON OR ABOUT 11/13 ONE GUERRILLA WAS KILLED IN AN ATTACK AGAINST TROOPS PATROLING THE SANTA LEONOR SECTION OF SANTA ANA.
-- ON 11 14 TWO MEN ON FOOT ASSASSINATED FELIPE TALTIVAR, THE
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VERY PROMINENT AND RESPECTED SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FEDINCON-STRANS LABOR UNION AND LEADER OF THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC UNION.
-- ON 11/14 A BOMB WAS EXPLODED AT ONE OF THE OUTLETS OF A SAN SALVADOR FRIED CHICKEN CHAIN.
-- ACCORDING TO MONSIGNOR RIVERA Y DAMAS, ON 11/14 A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS ENTERED THE TOWN OF SAN ESTEBAN CATARINA (SAN VICENTE), KIDNAPPED A GROUP OF FARMERS AND KILLED THEM; THIS, HE SAID, WAS IN RETRIBUTION FOR THE KILLING EARLIER IN THE WEEK OF SEVERAL GUERRILLAS BY THE NATIONAL GUARD.
RETROSPECTIVE: LEFTIST NEWSPAPER AND REVOLUTIONARY BULLETIN ECART 'EPD/INDEPENDENTE' FOR NOVEMBER 11 PUBLISHED AN FMLN (FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT) TRACT IN WHICH THE ORGANIZATION REITERATES ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KILLING OF
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INTERNATIONAL FAIR MANAGER MANUEL RIVAS AND FAIR PARTICIPANT GERARDO CASTRO. THE STATEMENT EXPLAINED CASTRO'S ASSASSINATION. IT CLAIMED THAT THE SECURITY AROUND CASTRO AND HIS BUSINESS WAS MADE UP OF "FORMER SOMOZA GUARDSMEN/ULTRA RIGHTIST MEMBERS OF THE DEATH SQUADRON WHO WERE CONNECTED TO THE NATIONAL GUARD AND THE NATIONAL POLICE."
PROSPECTIVE: POLOFF WAS TOLD BY A FREQUENT EMBASSY CONTACT THAT HE HAS HEARD THAT RIGHTIST ARE INTENT ON KILLING JRG MEMBER COL. MAJANO AND AT LEAST ONE JESUIT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, POSSIBLY NEXT WEEK. OUR SOURCE WAS RELUCTANT TO SAY HOW HE HAD STUMBLED ONTO THIS INFORMATION, SAYING THAT HE PREFERRED TO CONFIRM THE STORY BEFORE GOING INTO MORE DETAIL. THIS INFORMATION MAY BE NOTHING MORE THAN A REPETITION OF A PUBLIC RUMOR--THAT ARE FEW PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY WHO ARE NOT AWARE THAT THE RIGHT WOULD LIKE TO DO IN MAJANO AND THE JESUITS, AMONG OTHERS.
ARE/PET UPDATE: APART FROM A ROUTINE BOMB EXPLOSION DURING THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 15 NO SIGNIFICANT ACTS OF VIOLENCE HAVE COME
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TO OUR ATTENTION AS OF 5:20 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 16.
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SUBJECT: (U) VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: NOVEMBER 15-21

1. (C) SUMMARY: THE MOST DRAMATIC INCIDENT OF VIOLENCE THIS WEEK WAS THE MURDER BY GUNFIRE AND INCENDIARY BOMBS OF COL. CARLOS CHORO AND HIS FAMILY ON NOVEMBER 16. THOSE FOUR DEATHS PROVOKED OUTRAGE IN A COUNTRY THAT HAD SEEMED INURED TO THE CONSTANT VIOLENCE WITHIN IT. DURING THE WEEK 166 OTHER PEOPLE DIED MORE ANONYMOUSLY. ALSO THIS WEEK GUERRILLAS ENGAGED IN NUMEROUS AND WIDESPREAD ACTS OF SABOTAGE, ROBBERY AND VANDALISM. BUT, IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS WEEKS, NO TAKEOVERS OF ENTIRE TOWNS WERE REPORTED. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) DEATHS: THIS WEEK THERE WERE AT LEAST 170 NEW

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VICTIMS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR. WE WERE ABLE TO ESTABLISH THE GUILTY PART IN ONLY FORTY-SEVEN OF THOSE DEATHS; AT LEAST THIRTY-THREE WERE KILLED BY LEFTISTS, THIRTEEN BY THE MILITARY AND THERE WAS ONE VICTIM OF RIGHTIST TERRORISM. THE OTHER 123 WERE VICTIMS OF ANONYMOUS KILLERS.

3. (U) INCIDENTS:

--ON 11/15 A BOMB DAMAGED A SAN SALVADOR BRANCH OF THE POPULAR CREDIT BANK.

--ON 11/15 THE BUSINESSMAN PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL BASEBALL FEDERATION WAS KIDNAPPED.

--ON 11/15 THE 2ND INFANTRY BRIGADE AND THE NATIONAL POLICE IN SANTA ANA WERE ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS; NO DEATHS AND LITTLE DAMAGE WAS REPORTED.

--ON 11/15 THE PEASANT GUIDING THE MILITARY PATROL INVESTI-

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GATING THE CAPTURE AND KILLING OF A GROUP OF RESIDENTS OF SAN ESTEBAN CATARINA (SAN VICENTE) WAS KILLED BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS.

--ON 11/16 ONE WOMAN WAS KILLED AND TWO CHILDREN INJURED WHEN A TRUCK CARRYING MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE FOR SAN CAYETANO ISTEPEQUE (SAN VICENTE) WAS ATTACKED.

--ON 11/16 COLONEL CARLOS CHOTO, HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN WERE BURNED TO DEATH INSIDE THEIR HOUSE AFTER A GROUP OF ABOUT TWENTY GUERRILLAS, AMONG THEM SEVERAL WOMEN, ATTACKED THEIR HOUSE WITH WEAPONS AND FIRE AND INCENDIARY BOMBS.

--ON OR ABOUT 11/16 A GROUP OF ABOUT SIX MEN SPORTING M-16 CARBINES AND G-3 RIFLES WAS ABLE TO STEAL 6200 COLONES AND A REVOLVER FROM A GAS STATION IN COJUTEPEQUE (CUSCATLAN).

--ON OR ABOUT 11/16 TWO MEMBERS OF THE RED CROSS WERE KIDNAPPED IN TONACATEPEQUE (SAN SALVADOR).

--ON 11/17 AN ITINERANT VENDOR WAS KILLED DURING A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN A GROUP ATTACKING A SAN SALVADOR GASOLINE STATION AND THE PROPRIETORS OF THE BUSINESS.

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--ON 11/17 A GROUP OF ARMED MEN ASSAULTED A BUS NEAR CANTON CHIPA EL CHARCO (SONSONATE), KILLED ONE MAN WHO RESISTED, KILLED ANOTHER WHO WORKED AS A WATCHMAN FOR CEPA (THE ACAJUTLA PORT AUTHORITY) AND THEN LEFT WITH THE MONEY COLLECTED BY THE DRIVER.

--ON 11/17 ONE WOMAN MEMBER OF A GROUP FLEEING THE SCENE OF A ROBBERY OF A GASOLINE STATION IN SAN SALVADOR WAS INJURED BY A WATCHMAN.

--ON 11/18 A MILITARY (OR POSSIBLY POLICE) POST IN THE MEJICANOS SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS USING BOMBS AND MACHINE GUNS; NO DEATHS OR INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

--ON 11/18 GUERRILLAS FIRED AND BURNED BOMBS AT A BUS TRAVELLING NEAR SENSUNTEPEQUE (CABANAS) KILLING ONE PASSENGER AND INJURING TWO OTHERS.

--ON 11/18 TWO TELEPHONE INSTALLATIONS IN SAN SALVADOR WERE BLOWN UP, CUTTING OFF SERVICE TO A PORTION OF THE CITY FOR A SHORT PERIOD.

--ON 11/18 A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MILITARY ELEMENTS AND A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS IN THE LA RABIDA SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR LEFT AT LEAST FOUR IDENTIFIED INJURED.

--ON 11/18 A BRANCH OF CREDISA IN SANTA ANA WAS ROBBED OF 42,000 COLONES BY FOUR GUNMEN.

--ON 11/18 THE DRIVERS OF TWO TRUCKS BELONGING TO THE BANK OF COMMERCE WERE INJURED WHEN THEY STUDIED A ROBBERY ATTEMPT NEAR SANTA ANA.

--ON 11/18 THE HOUSE OF LT. COL. GABRIEL CONTRERAS WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF GUNMEN.

--ON 11/18 THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE BELONGING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS WAS KIDNAPPED BY A GROUP WHICH WAS

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--ON 11/19 EIGHT MEMBERS OF A GROUP THAT ATTACKED A MILITARY
PATROL NEAR ZACATECOLUCA (LA PAZ) WERE KILLED BY PATROL
MEMBERS.
--ON 11/19 THREE RADIO STATIONS IN SANTA ANA HAD THEIR
NORMAL OPERATIONS INTERRUPTED BY GUERRILLAS WHO PLAYED RE-
VOLUTIONARY MESSAGES ON THEIR EQUIPMENT.
--ON 11/19 GUERRILLAS OPERATING IN THE AREA OF CANTON LAS
DELICIAS (SAN MIGUEL) DYNAMITED A HANGER FOR SMALL
AIRCRAFT AND THEN FIRED THE SAME TO A RESTAURANT.
--ON 11/19 ROBERTO FRAZO HERNANDEZ, A TRUCK DEALER, WAS
KIDNAPPED BY A GROUP OF HOODED INDIVIDUALS DRIVING AN ANTEL
TRUCK.
--ON 11/19 MILITARY ELEMENTS ENTERED THE GROUNDS OF THE
ARCHDIOCESAN, SEARCHED A CHURCH PAINT SHOP, STRUCK
SEVERAL PEOPLE AND STOLE SIX COLONES.
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--ON 11/20 A NATIONAL POLICE TRUCK WAS REPORTEDLY ATTACKED
BY GUERRILLAS WITH A BAZOOKA ROUND; THE SHOT MISSED AND,
ALTHOUGH THE ATTACK PROVOKED A FIREFIGHT, NO DEATHS WERE
REPORTED ON EITHER SIDE.
--ON 11/20 AT LEAST ONE MAN WAS KILLED ABOUT TEN YARDS NORTH
OF THIS EMBASSY WHEN ONE MAN--PROBABLY THE VICTIM--STEPPED
OUT OF A TAXI CARRYING A GRENADE WHICH EXPLODED
IMMEDIATELY AFTER.
--ON 11/20 THE NATIONAL GUARD POST IN SANTA ANA WAS
STRAFED FROM A PASSING VEHICLE.
--AGAIN 11/20 O T PAN WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER INJURED BY A
GRENADE WHICH WAS THROWN AT THEM BY A GROUP STOPPING
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VEHICLES ON THE ROAD TO METAPAN (SANTA ANA).
--ON 11/20 GUERRILLAS LEFT AHUACHAPAN WITHOUT ELECTRICITY AFTER THEY EXPLODED A BOMB AT THE BASE OF AN ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER.
--ON 11/20 COMBAT BETWEEN DEFENDERS AND ATTACKERS OF THE VIENNA DELICATESSEN LEFT ONE VIENNA PATRON DEAD.
--A REPORT PUBLISHED ON 11/21 INDICATED THAT AN ARMY TRUCK FILLED WITH PROVISIONS WAS DESTROYED BY A GUERRILLA MINE NEAR EL PICACHO (SANTA ANA).
--ON 11/21 TWO BOMBS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED THE GOES IMMIGRATION OFFICE AND SURROUNDING BUSINESSES IN SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 11/21 CAPTAIN MARIO MOLINA PANAMENO WAS ASSASSINATED AS HE ENTERED HIS HOUSE IN SAN SALVADOR; MOLINA HAD BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE SEPTEMBER CONTROVERSY OVER ORDER NUMBER 12.
--ON 11/21 SEVERAL GUERRILLAS WERE REPORTED KILLED DURING A CONFRONTATION WITH THE MILITARY NEAR SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN).
4. (U) WEEKEND UPDATE: OVER THE WEEKEND NEWSPAPERS IN SAN SALVADOR HEADLINED THE STORY OF THE CAPTURE OF A FARN (ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE) MEMBER WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE CHOTO MURDERS, HAD BEEN INJURED DURING
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THE ATTACK, AND THEN TREATED AT THE CHURCH-RUN DIVINE PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL. THE SUSPECT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE NAMED OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND GIVEN THE LOCATIONS OF ARMS CACHES AND GUERRILLA TRAINING SITES.
--IN OTHER NEWS, ECONOFF REPORTS THAT TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 24, IS THE LAST DAY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR, AN EVENT WHICH HAS BEEN VOWED--BY WHO WAS UNABLE --TO SYMIE.
--SEVERAL BOMBS EXPLODED IN AND AROUND SAN SALVADOR THIS MORNING BUT NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTS OF VIOLENCE HAVE OCCURRED AS OF 7:45 P.M. WHITE
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: NOVEMBER 29 -DECEMBER 5, 1982

1. SUMMARY: FOUR AMERICAN WOMEN WERE AMONG THIS WEEK'S 177 VICTIMS OF THE VIOLENCE THAT IS RAMPANT IN THIS COUNTRY. SISTERS MAURA CLARKE, DOROTHY KAZEL AND ITA FORD AND LAY MISSIONARY JEAN DONOVAN WERE RACE SHOT SEVERAL TIMES THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 2/3 AND LEFT IN A ROADSIDE IN A REMOTE PART OF THE COUNTRY. WE DO NOT KNOW WHO KILLED THE FOUR WOMEN BUT AN OFFICIAL COMMISSION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DETERMINE IF GOVERNMENT TROOPS WERE INVOLVED IN THE MURDERS. END SUMMARY
2. DEATHS: THIS WEEK 177 PEOPLE BECAME THE VICTIMS
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OF SALVADORAN VIOLENCE. THE PERPETRATORS OF ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THESE DEATHS COULD BE IDENTIFIED. RIGHTIST TERRORISTS -- I.E. MEMBERS OF THE DEATH SQUADRON, THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE LIBERATION FROM COMMUNISM, ETC. -- KILLED AT LEAST NINE OF THE VICTIMS. GOVERNMENT FORCES AND LEFTISTS EACH KILLED FOUR OF THE TOTAL.
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON 11/29 GUERRILLAS SET FIRE TO SEVEN BUSSES IN CIUDAD DELGADO, A POOR SUBURB OF SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 11/29 A MILITARY CONVOY WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS NEAR SOYAPANGO, ANOTHER POOR SUBURB OF SAN SALVADOR.
-- ON 11/30 A BOMB EXPLOSION SERIOUSLY DAMAGED A COMMERCIAL CENTER IN SAN MIGUEL.

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-- ON 12/1 A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TROOPS AND APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN GUERRILLAS WHO ATTEMPTED TO TAKE OVER CUSCATANCINGO (SAN SALVADOR) LEFT TWO PEOPLE DEAD,.
-- ON 12/1 FOUR BUSSES WERE BURNED BY GUERRILLAS IN MEJICANOS (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON 12/1 GUERRILLAS BURNED SEVERAL MORE BUSSES IN THE POOR SOUTHEASTERN SECTIONS OF SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 12/1 AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TROOPS AND GUERRILLAS WHO WERE STOPPING VEHICLES ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SAN SALVADOR AND APOPO.
--ON 12/1 THE NATIONAL POLICE POST IN MEJICANOS (SAN SALVADOR) WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON 12/1 GUERRILLAS SET FIRE TO A GASOLINE STATION IN ZACATECOLUCA.
--ON 12/1 A CONFRONTATION OCCURRED BETWEEN A REPORTEDLY LARGE NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS AND TROOPS NEAR APOPO (SAN SALVADOR).
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--ON OR ABOUT 12/1 A MILK PROCESSING COMPANY IN SANTA ANA WAS ATTACKED BY FOUR ARMED MEN AND ROBBED OF 25[illegible] COLONES.
--ON OR ABOUT 12 1 A BUS TRAVELING FROM SAN SALVADOR TO SUCHITOTO WAS ASSAULTED BY GUERRILLAS WHO ROBBED THE DRIVER AND THEN SHOT HIM. THE GUERRILLAS LEFT PAMPHLETS CLAIMING THAT THERE WOULD BE OTHER ACTS IN VENGEANCE FOR THE KILLINGS OF THE FDR LEADERS.
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--ON OR ABOUT 12 1 A GROUP OF ARMED MEN ROBBED A LARGE
QUANTITY OF MONEY FROM A BUSINESS IN SANTA ANA.
--ON 12/2 FOUR AMERICAN WOMEN WERE KIDNAPPED EN ROUTE
TO SAN SALVADOR FROM EL SALVADOR'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.
THE BODIES OF THE FOUR WOMEN -- THREE NUNS AND ONE
LAY MISSIONARY--WERE FOUND ABOUT 25 MILES AWAY AND
BURIED THE NEXT DAY. THIS CASE HAS BEEN REPORTED
SEPARATELY.
--ON 12/2 A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES
OF ATOTONTEPEQUE, CAUSING ONLY MATERIAL DAMAGE.
--ON 12/2 DYNAMITE WAS USED TO BLOW UP A PORTION
OF A COFFEE PROCESSING PLANT IN SANTA ANA.
--ON 12/3 COMBAT BETWEEN TROOPS AND GUERRILLAS IN
LA PAZ DEPARTMENT LEFT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF
CASUALTIES.
--ON 12/3 A GROUP OF ARMED PERSONS ENGAGED IN ACTS OF
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VANDALISM IN THE CENTER OF SAN SALVADOR FOLLOWING THE
FUNERAL OF THE SIX FDR LEADERS.
--ON 12/3 A GROUP OF ARMED MEN ENTERED A GOVERNMENT
OFFICE IN SAN SALVADOR, THREATENED THE OFFICE PERSONNEL
AND AS THEY LEFT, SET FIRE TO FIVE GOVERNMENT TRUCKS
PARKED NEAR THE OFFICES.
--ON 12/3 GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE NATIONAL POLICE
POST IN ZACATECOLUCA.
--ON 12/3 THE ARMED BUILDING IN ILOPANGO (SAN SALVADOR)
WAS DESTROYED BY A GROUP OF ARMED MEN WHO SET FIRE TO
IT.
--ON 12/3 AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED
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AFTER GUERRILLAS ATTACKED MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF ILLOBASCO (CABANAS).
--ON 12/3 FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING AN EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE BETWEEN TREASURY POLICE AND THE OCCUPANTS OF A CAR WHICH HAD BEEN STOPPED BY THE POLICE IN SOYAPANGO (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON 12/3 ONE TREASURY POLICE AGENT WAS KILLED DURING A CONFRONTATION WITH GUERRILLAS.
--ON 12/4 SEVERAL INCENDIARY BOMBS WERE THROWN AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN CIUDAD DELGADO (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON 12/5 A GROUP OF ARMED MEN SET FIRE TO A GASOLINE STATION IN SANTA ANA.
--ON 12/5 GUERRILLAS BLOCKED TRAFFIC IN CIUDAD DELGADO BY CROSSING FUSSES ALONG SEVERAL STREETS.
--ON 12/5 AN EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE BETWEEN TWO UNKNOWN GROUPS LEFT ONE CHILD INJURED.
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: DECEMBER 6-12, 1988
1. SUMMARY: THE INCIDENCE OF REPORTED VIOLENCE AND
DEATH EXPERIENCED A NOTABLE INCREASE FOR THE WEEK
IN QUESTION. DEATHS INCREASED ABOUT 35 PERCENT FROM
177 TO 111, AND INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE DECREASED BY
54 PERCENT, FROM 48 TO 21. HOWEVER, THE DANGERS TO
FOREIGNERS, OR THOSE PERCEIVED TO BE SO, WAS APPARENTLY
NOT ABATED. ON DECEMBER 12, THE EMBASSY WAS REQUESTED
BY THE HONORARY BRITISH CONSUL TO ASSIST IN THE REPATRIA-
TION OF TWO BRITISH CITIZENS, ONE OF WHOM HAD BEEN
WOUNDED IN A TERRORIST ATTACK. THE BRITISH CITIZEN
HAD BEEN TOURING CENTRAL AMERICA AND HAD ARRIVED IN
SAN SALVADOR FROM GUATEMALA ON THE EVENING OF
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DECEMBER 11. AFTER SPENDING THE NIGHT IN A HOTEL
NEAR THE CATHEDRAL IN DOWNTOWN SAN SALVADOR THEY WERE
PROCEEDING ALONG THE STREET WHEN A VAN PULLED ALONGSIDE
AND A MAN BEGAN FIRING A PISTOL AT THEM. ONE OF THE
BRITONS WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE NECK WHEREUPON
THE VAN SPED OFF. THE BRITONS WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE
THE AREA IN A TAXI AND, AFTER OBTAINING MEDICAL AID
AND PASSPORTS THROUGH THE BRITISH CONSUL, WERE ASSISTED
BY THE EMBASSY IN OBTAINING VISAS AND TRANSPORTATION
OUT OF THE COUNTRY. END SUMMARY
2. DEATHS: THERE WERE 111 DEATHS REPORTED IN THE
CONTINUING POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR, A DROP
FROM 177 THE PREVIOUS WEEK. ONE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO
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THE MILITARY, ONE TO THE POPULAR LIBERATION FRONT (FPL), AS A SIGN WAS ATTACHED TO THE VICTIM INDICATING FPL AUTHORSHIP, AND ONE TO AN UNKNOWN TERRORIST. THE KILLERS OF TEN REMAINING VICTIMS REMAIN UNKNOWN.
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON 12/7 THE HOUSE OF SENOR JORGE HASBUN WAS MACHINE-GUNNED WITH 62 WEAPONS. SR. HASBUN IS THE OWNER OF A TEXTILE FACTORY IN SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 12/7 IN SAN SALVADOR THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE WHICH RESULTED IN TWO DEATHS. DETAILS OF THE GUNFIRE, HOWEVER, ARE UNAVAILABLE.
--ON 12/8 IN SAN SALVADOR THERE WAS A FIRE IN THE MAGICANOS MARKET THAT DESTROYED A LARGE PART OF THE VENDING STANDS; ORIGIN OF FIRE UNKNOWN.
--ON 12/8 IN AYUTUXTEPEQUE A COUNTRY HOUSE WAS ASSAULTED BY A STRONGLY ARMED GROUP WHO KILLED THE ADMINISTRATOR.
--ON 12/8 ON THE SANTA TECLA HIGHWAY IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE AMERICAN SUPERMARKET, CAUSING
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SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING AS WELL AS TO AN ADJOINING GAS STATION.
--ON 12/8 IN CACAHUATIQUE THERE WAS AN ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN REGIMENTAL TROOPS OF CACAHUATIQUE AND A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES WHO WERE ATTACKING TWO VEHICLES. NO REPORT OF VICTIMS.
--ON 12/8 IN CHALATENANGO PROVINCE ON THE FRONTIER WITH HONDURAS AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE DEATH SQUADRON (ESCADRON DE MUERTE) WAS CAPTURED BY SECURITY FORCES. TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SQUADRON ESCAPED. (NOTE: THIS MAY BE A "FIRST".)
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--ON 12/9 IN SONSONATE A GROUP OF TERRORISTS ARMED
WITH MACHINE-GUNS STARTED A FIREFIGHT WITH GOVERNMENT
TROOPS, LEAVING ONE SUBVERSIVE DEAD.
--ON 12/9 IN SANTA ANA A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE FMLN
SIMULTANEOUSLY TOOK THE RADIO STATIONS MODERNA, U, AND
MUSICAL. THEY HELD THE PERSONNEL BACKSTAGE AND BROADCAST
A TAPE WITH A SUBVERSIVE MESSAGE.
--ON 12/9 IN CHALATENANGO PROVINCE THERE WAS AN ARMED
ENCOUNTER BETWEEN SOLDIERS AND SUBVERSIVES RESULTING
IN ONE DEAD SUBVERSIVE AND ONE WOUNDED SOLDIER.
--ON 12/9 IN SAN SALVADOR DR. VICTOR MANUEL MORENO,
EX-PRESIDENT OF INSEP, WAS ABDUCTED BY A GROUP OF ARMED
MEN WHILE LEAVING HIS HOUSE. THE NEWSPAPER DIARIO
DEL MUNDO RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL ATTRIBUTING THE
ACTION TO THE CENTRAL GUERRILLA COMMAND.
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--ON 12/9 IN SAN SALVADOR A SOFT-DRINK TRUCK WAS
BURNED BY A GROUP OF ARMED MEN.
--ON 12/9 IN SAN SALVADOR THE CATHEDRAL WAS SEIZED
BY A GROUP OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS OF THE NATIONAL
COORDINATOR OF THE POPULAR CHURCH (CONIP).
--ON 12/9 IN SANTA ANA TWO BOMBS WERE DETONATED IN
TWO ELECTRICAL STATIONS WITHOUT AFFECTING SERVICE.
--ON 12/12 IN SAN MIGUEL A BOMB PLACED AT A BOOST BY
UNKNOWN PERSONS CAUSED THE DEATH OF [redacted] CHILD AND THE
WOUNDING OF FIVE OTHER PERSONS.
--ON 12/12 IN SAN MIGUEL AN ARMY LIEUTENANT WAS KILLED
WHILE ATTEMPTING TO DISARM A BOMB.
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--ON 12/11 IN SAN SALVATOR AN ASSAULT ON THE BANCO AGRICOLA COMERCIAL, CARIBE BRANCH, WAS REPELLED BY THE BANK GUARDS, RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF ONE OF THE ASSAILANTS.
--ON 12/12 IN TEOLUCA SAN VICENTE, THE HACIENDA SANTA TERESA WAS SEIZED BY TERRORISTS INTERRUPTING THE HARVEST OF COFFEE AND SUGAR CANE. IN THE SAME HACIENDA A FEW DAYS BEFORE, A PLANE BRINGING ARMS FOR LEFTIST GROUPS WAS BURNED.
--ON 12/12 IN CINQUERA, CABANAS PROVICE, A GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT OF THE FPL WAS ATTACKED BY THE MILITARY; A FIREFIGHT RESULTED. HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO DETAILS AS TO CASUALTIES.
--ON 12/12 IN SAN SALVATOR, CARLOS ERNESTO PINEDA PARAS, SUPERVISOR OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE MATERNITY HOSPITAL, WAS KIDNAPPED. NO GROUP HAS CLAIMED CREDIT.
--ON 12/12 IN SAN SALVATOR TWO BRITISH CITIZENS WERE ATTACKED BY UNKNOWN GUNMEN ON THE STREET. ONE OF THE BRITISH SUBJECTS WAS WOUNDED.
4. ARMED UPDATE: THE WEEKEND HAS PASSED QUIETLY. THE ONLY INCIDENT REPORTED WAS THAT OF A BRIEF BUT HEAVY
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EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE IN THE WESTERN SECTOR OF THE CAPITAL EARLY SATURDAY MORNING.
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E.O. 12356: NA
TAGS: ASEC PINS PINT SNAR ES
SUBJ: VIOLENCE WITH IN REVIEW: DECEMBER 13-20, 1989
1. SUMMARY. ANOTHER AMERICAN WAS AMONG THE NEW VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR. THOMAS ERAMEN, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, WAS KILLED DURING AN ENCOUNTER WITH URBANA GUERRA. DETAILS OF THE DEATH HAVE BEEN REPORTED SEPARATELY. THE INCIDENCE OF REPORTED VIOLENCE AND DEATH FOR THE WEEK IN QUESTION EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS WEEK. BUT WAS STILL CONSIDERABLY BELOW THE LEVEL REPORTED FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 5. TOTALS FOR THIS WEEK WERE 121 REPORTED KILLINGS AND 25 REPORTED
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ACTS OF VIOLENCE, COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S TOTALS OF 111 AND 21 RESPECTIVELY.
2. DEATHS: THERE WERE 121 DEATHS REPORTED IN THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR. TWO WERE ATTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD. TWO TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMY, AND THREE TO UNNAMED EXTREMISTS. THE KILLERS OF THE REMAINING VICTIMS REMAIN UNKNOWN.
3. INCIDENTS:
-- ON DECEMBER 14 IN SAN SALVADOR THE BUS TERMINAL ON ROUTE 29 WAS SEIZED BY FOUR ARMED MEN WHO ROBBED THE TERMINAL OF 12,000 COLONES (U.S. 4,282).
-- ON DECEMBER 14 IN SAN MIGUEL THREE ARMED MEN SEIZED THE RADIO STATION CHAPARRISTIQUE, FORCED THE EMPLOYEES TO LEAVE AND PROCEEDED TO TRANSMIT A SUBVERSIVE MESSAGE
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FOR ONE HALF HOUR. THEY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE FLN.
-- ON DECEMBER 14 IN CIUDAD DELGADO FOUR INCENDIARY BOMBS WERE THROWN AT THE ALCALDIA MUNICIPAL AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE WAS MACHINE-GUNNED.
-- ON DECEMBER 15 IN SANTA ANA THE SALVADORAN COFFEE INSTITUTE (INCAFE) WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF ARMED MEN WHO BEGAN A FIREFIGHT WITH LOCAL WATCHMEN. THE ASSAILANTS LEFT A BOMB IN THE ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING WHICH EXPLODED AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE.
-- ON DECEMBER 15 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE SPANISH/AMERICAN BOOKSTORE CAUSING GREAT DAMAGE TO THE BOOKSTORE AS WELL AS TO OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE VICINITY. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF WOUNDED PEOPLE IN THE EXPLOSION.
-- ON DECEMBER 15 ON THE ROAD TO SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN) AN ASSAULT ON A BUS WAS FRUSTRATED BY A PASSENGER

BELIEVED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO THREW A GRENADE AT THE ASSAILANTS. THE ASSAILANTS THEN MACHINE-GUNNED THE BUS, BREAKING ALL THE WINDOWS. NO REPORTS OF ANY INJURIES WERE REPORTED.
-- ON DECEMBER 15 IN SAN SALVADOR, THE COLONIA TOLUCA WAS TAKEN OVER BY ABOUT 100 TERRORISTS WHO PROCLAIMED THE TRIUMPH OF SUBVERSION. THE TAKEOVER LASTED OVER AN HOUR AND A HALF BEFORE THE SUBVERSIVES LEFT.
-- ON DECEMBER 16 IN SAN SALVADOR A SUBVERSIVE SAFE HOUSE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE COLONIA LAS BRISAS. DISCOVERED IN THE HOUSE WERE EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS, SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE (FARN), AND ALSO RADIOS, GRENADES, MICRO-FILM, G-3 RIFLES AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF BULLETS OF DIFFERENT CALIBERS.
-- ON DECEMBER 16 IN AYUTUXTEPEQUE A FIRE FIGHT BEGAN BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND TERRORISTS LEAVING TWO DEAD CIVILIANS AND WOUNDED SECURITY AGENTS. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER VERSION THE DEAD WERE TERRORISTS AND THE OTHERS WERE VICTIMS OF WILD SHOOTING.
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-- ON DECEMBER 16 IN SAN ANTONIO ABAD, LIC. RENE MACHON
RIVERA, PRESIDENT OF INCAFE, WAS KIDNAPPED BY A GROUP OF
ARMED MEN WHO INTERCEPTED HIM IN TWO VEHICLES.
-- ON DECEMBER 17 IN SAN SALVADOR A POWERFUL BOMB WAS
DETONATED AT THE AMX OF AMERICAN CAUSING DAMAGE TO
THE BUILDING AS WELL AS TO SURROUNDING STRUCTURES.
-- ON DECEMBER 17 IN SAN SALVADOR TERRORISTS PLANTED A
BOMB IN THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS KISMET DAMAGING THE
FRONT OF THE BUILDING.
-- ON DECEMBER 17 IN SAN SALVADOR THE OFFICES OF MIGRATION
WERE ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF MEN WHO FLED THE AREA WHEN
TROOPS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE.
-- ON DECEMBER 17 IN SOYAPANGO A GROUP OF TERRORISTS
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BURNED THE OFFICES OF ANTEL (TELEPHONE COMPANY) DAMAGING
THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.
-- ON DECEMBER 17 IN SAN SALVADOR AN AMERICAN (THOMAS
BRADEN) WAS KILLED IN AN ARMED ENCOUNTER. ONE NEWSPAPER VERSION
STATES THAT HE WAS RIDING IN A VEHICLE WITH DETECTIVES OF
THE NATIONAL POLICE WHEN THE VEHICLE ENCOUNTERED THE
CONVOY OF JUNTA MEMBER MORALES EHRLICH AT THE MOMENT
WHEN MORALES EHRLICH'S CONVOY WAS ASSAULTED BY GUN-MEN. ANOTHER
VERSION STATES THAT THE VEHICLE IN WHICH THE AMERICAN WAS
RIDING WAS SIMPLY ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF TERRORISTS.
(DETAILS OF MR. BRADEN'S DEATH HAVE BEEN REPORTED
SEPARATELY.)
-- ON DECEMBER 17 IN METAPAN A SUBVERSIVE TRAINING CAMP
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WAS DISCOVERED IN WHICH WERE FOUND PREPARED BOMBS AND MEDICINES BUT NO TERRORISTS.
-- ON DECEMBER 17 IT WAS REPORTED THAT IN LA PAZ PROVINCE ON THE BORDER WITH HONDURAS A GROUP OF SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A HONDURAN MILITARY PATROL, BELIEVING THE HONDURAN PATROL TO BE SALVADORAN SOLDIERS. ONE GUERRILLA AND ONE HONDURAN SOLDIER WERE REPORTED KILLED. THIS ACTION REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE ONE WEEK AGO.
-- ON DECEMBER 17 IN SAN SALVADOR A STORE WAS ASSAULTED BY FIVE ARMED MEN LEAVING ONE WATCHMAN DEAD.
-- ON DECEMBER 17 IN SAN SALVADOR A TRUCK OF THE NATIONAL GUARD WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES AND ONE PEDESTRIAN WAS KILLED IN THE CROSS-FIRE.
-- ON DECEMBER 18 IN SAN SALVADOR COL. RENE NAPOLEON AGUILUZ AND TWO OTHERS WERE WOUNDED AT HIS HOME WHEN THEY WERE FIRED UPON BY A PASSING TRUCK.
-- ON DECEMBER 18 IN SANTA ANA 15,000 COLONES (U.S. 6,000 WAS ROBBED FROM THE OFFICES OF THE CASCADE SODA COMPANY BY TWELVE MASKED MEN.
-- ON DECEMBER 19 IN USULUTAN PROVINCE IT WAS REPORTED THE

ARMY HAD CARRIED OUT A THREE-DAY OPERATION DURING WHICH THERE WERE EXCHANGES OF FIRE WITH EXTREMISTS AND THE DISCOVERY OF SEVERAL GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENTS WHICH WERE DISMANTLED. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THESE ENCAMPMENTS WERE CONSTRUCTED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION FARN. IN THE ENCAMPMENTS GREAT QUANTITIES OF MEDICINES, EXPLOSIVES, AND STOLEN CATTLE WERE FOUND.
4. BEGIN MANUAL UPDATE: ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, TWO BOMBS WERE HEARD TO DETONATE IN SAN SALVADOR ABOUT 8 PM. THE LOCATIONS OF THE EXPLOSIONS IS AS YET UNDETERMINED. THERE WERE ALSO SEVERAL INCIDENTS OF HEAVY MACHINE GUNFIRE HEARD IN THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE CAPITAL.
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SUBJ: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: DECEMBER 20-26, 1982
1. SUMMARY: THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR CLAIMED ANOTHER 126 LIVES DURING THE PERIOD REPORTED. WHAT IS NOTABLE ABOUT THE INCIDENCE OF VIOLENCE THIS WEEK IS THE INCREASED NUMBER OF ACTS OF AGGRESSIVE TERRORISM--GROUPS OF ARMED TERRORISTS ATTACKING TOWNS AND GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS, OFTEN RESULTING IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH SALVADORAN MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES. ONE SUCH ENCOUNTER LEFT SIXTEEN ALLEGED TERRORISTS DEAD. AS IN PAST WEEKS, HOWEVER, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE REPORTED DEATHS CANNOT BE FIXED. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: THERE WERE 126 DEATHS REPORTED FOR THIS WEEK.
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A TOTAL OF 39 WERE ATTRIBUTED TO THE MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES, EIGHT TO UNNAMED TERRORIST GROUPS, AND ONE TO PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS. THE KILLERS OF 78 INDIVIDUALS REMAIN UNKNOWN.
3. INCIDENTS:
-- ON 12/24 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB DESTROYED A FACTORY, KILLING ONE WORKER AND WOUNDING FIVE OTHERS.
-- ON 12/22 IN SAN MARTIN A GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT AND A CLANDESTINE CEMETERY WERE DISCOVERED UNCOVERED BY SECURITY FORCES WERE BOMBS, GRENADES AND UNIFORMS OF THE SECURITY FORCES.
-- ON 12/24 IN APOPA A BOMB DESTROYED THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE PANA AGRICOLA COMERCIAL.
-- ON 12/20 IN SANTA CRUZ MICHAPA THE LOCAL OFFICE OF ANTEL (THE TELEPHONE COMPANY, WAS SEIZED BY A GROUP OF
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YOUNG MEN WITH MASKED FACES WHO DESTROYED THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

-- ON 12/21 IN MEJICANOS A FIREFIGHT DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE LOCAL POLICE AND A GROUP OF TERRORISTS ATTEMPTING TO STEAL A VEHICLE FROM IN FRONT OF THE POLICE STATION. TWO TERRORISTS AND ONE PASSERBY WERE KILLED.

-- ON 12/21 AT SAN ESTEBAN CATA[illegible] THE SAN VICENTE HIGHWAY WAS CLOSED BY TERRORIST[illegible] FELLED TREES ON THE ROADWAY.

-- ON 12/21 IN APOPA THE OFFICES OF ANTEL AND A GASOLINE STATION WERE BURNED BY A GROUP OF TERRORISTS WHO BRIEFLY TOOK OVER THE TOWN.

-- ON 12/21 IN ILOPANGO THE BASE OF THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF EXTREMISTS WHO WERE REPULSED BY A GROUP OF SOLDIERS, LEAVING THREE EXTREMISTS DEAD.

-- ON 12/21 IN SAN MIGUEL TWO RADIO STATIONS WERE SEIZED BY MEMBERS OF THE FMLN WHO BROADCAST SUBVERSIVE MESSAGES BEFORE LEAVING.

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-- ON 12/21 NEAR SAN MIGUEL A SUBSTATION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC COMPANY WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF STRONGLY ARMED MEN WHO TRIED TO LURE THE GUARDS AWAY FROM THE STATION. A FIREFIGHT RESULTED, LEAVING AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF DEAD.

-- ON 12/21 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB DESTROYED A LOCAL OFFICE OF THE BANK OF CREDIT.

-- ON 12/21 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB DESTROYED THE SUPERMARKET SELECTOS, CAUSING GREAT DAMAGE.

-- ON 12/21 IN SAN ANTONIO LOS RANCHOS, CHALATENANGO, THE TOWN WAS SEIZED BY 100 TERRORISTS WHO LEFT BEHIND 16 DEAD WHEN THE TOWN WAS RETAKEN BY THE ARMY.

-- ON 12/21 AT KILOMETER 133 OF THE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY AN ABANDONED WELL WAS DISCOVERED TO HOLD AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF BODIES IN VARIOUS STATES OF DECAY.

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-- ON 12/22 NEAR SAN VICENTE 20 ARMED TERRORISTS SEIZED THE HACIENDA SAN IGNACIO AND PAID 142 WORKERS OF THEIR SALARIES.
-- ON 12/22 IN TEXISTEPEQUE, SANTA ANA, A FIREFIGHT INVOLVED BATALLA SOLDIERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FPL, RESULTING IN ONE FPL MEMBER KILLED. IN THE AREA THE SOLDIERS FOUND HAND GRENADES, A LAND MINE, MEDICINE, OLIVE GREEN UNIFORMS AND FPL PROPAGANDA.
-- ON 12/22 IN SAN BENITO LA PAZ AN ARMY CONVOY WAS ATTACKED. THE ATTACK WAS REPULSED, LEAVING FIVE DEAD TERRORISTS, AND IN THE AREA THE SOLDIERS FOUND A GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT WITH TWO WELLS USED TO STORE ARMS.
-- ON 12/22 IN JIQUILISCO, USULUTAN, THE OFFICES OF ANTEL WERE DESTROYED BY A BOMB.
-- ON 12/22 IN SAN SALVADOR A SHELL GAS STATION WAS
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BURNED BY A GROUP OF ARMED MEN.
-- ON 12/22 IN SAN MIGUEL DE MERCEDES, CHALATENANGO, AN ATTACK ON THE TOWN BY NUMEROUS EXTREMISTS WAS REPULSED BY THE TOWNSPEOPLE.
-- ON 12/23 IN JUCUAPA, USULUTAN, TWO BOMBS DAMAGED THE ALCALDIA MUNICIPAL.
-- ON 12/23 IN CHILAL DELGADO THE ALCALDIA MUNICIPAL WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF TERRORISTS, DAMAGING THE BUILDING.
-- ON 12/23 IN SAN SALVADOR A BRANCH OF THE BANCO APRISA WAS ROBBED BY FOUR MEN CLAIMING TO BELONG TO THE "GUERRILLA COMMAND OF THE POOR."
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-- ON 12/23 IN ARCATAO, CHALATENANGO, THE TOWN WAS ATTACKED BY GROUPS OF EXTREMISTS WITH EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND DISCHARGES OF ARTILLERY.
-- ON 12/24 IN GUAZAPA THE CANTON SAN JERONIMO WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF EXTREMISTS WHO TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE VILLAGE. THE CAMPESINOS, TOGETHER WITH A NATIONAL GUARD PATROL, REPULSED THE ATTACK.
-- ON 12/25 IN SAN LUIS LA REYNA, CHALATENANGO, ELEMENTS OF THE SECURITY FORCES WERE AMBUSHED BY SUBVERSIVES, LEAVING AN UNKNOWN NUMBER DEAD.
-- ON 12/25 IN ARCATAO, CHALATENANGO, THE BARRACKS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD WAS MACHINE GUNNED, LEAVING TWO EXTREMISTS DEAD AND TWO GUARDS WOUNDED.
-- ON 12/25 IN LAS VUELTAS, CHALANTENANGO, THE NATIONAL GUARD GARRISON WAS ATTACKED, BUT THE ATTACK WAS REPULSED.
-- ON 12/25 IN OSICALA, MORAZAN, THE NATIONAL GUARD POST WAS ATTACKED BY 100 EXTREMISTS WHO RETREATED, LEAVING SIX DEAD. ONE GUARD WAS KILLED.
E.I. BECAUSE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THERE HAS BEEN A LAPSE IN THE SPEED OF REPORTING OF THE SALVADORAN PRESS. MORE INCIDENTS OF THE PAST TEN DAYS MAY COME TO

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LIGHT NEXT WEEK, AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE REPORTED.
4. REMAINS UPDATE: THE WEATHER IN THE CAPITAL HAS PASSED QUIETLY. NO INFORMATION REGARDING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES HAS REACHED THE EMBASSY AS OF 5 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1982.
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE ALERT IN REVIEW: DECEMBER 27, 1981 - JANUARY 2, 1982

1. SUMMARY. TWO MORE AMERICANS WERE AMONG THE NEW VICTIMS OF THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR, THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH U.S. CITIZENS TO BE MURDERED HERE WITHIN THE LAST 30 DAYS. LATE ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 3, MARK PEARLMAN AND MICHAEL HAMMER, MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FREE LABOR DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS SALVADORAN CITIZEN ROLDOLFO VIERA, DIRECTOR OF ISTA, THE AGRARIAN REFORM AGENCY, WERE ASSASSINATED
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BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN AT THE SHERATON HOTEL (SITUATED IN AN AREA OF SAN SALVADOR WHERE MANY EMBASSY PERSONNEL RESIDE.) DETAILS OF THE DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED SEPARATELY. INCLUDING THE TWO SLAIN AMERICANS, 72 PERSONS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND 18 ACTS OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE WERE REPORTED. AMID TALK OF A LEFTIST "FINAL OFFENSIVE, A LARGE ARMY-GUERRILLA BATTLE UNFOLDED TODAY ON A MOUNTAINSIDE ABOVE THE COLONIA ESCALON (WHERE THE SHERATON IS LOCATED), WITNESSED BY MANY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA. (COMMENT: EMBASSY REITERATES ITS STATEMENT OF LAST WEEK CONCERNING THE SLOWNESS OF REPORTING OF SALVADORAN SOURCES DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD AND ADVISES THAT NO CONCLUSIONS BE DRAWN FROM THE LOW FIGURES REPORTED FOR THIS WEEK.) END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS- THERE WERE 72 DEATHS REPORTED IN THE CONTINUING

VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR. SIX WERE ATTRIBUTED TO THE ARMY AND SECURITY FORCES, ONE TO A RIGHTIST DEATH SQUAD, SIX TO LEFTIST GROUPS, AND ONE TO A WATCHMAN. THE KILLERS OF THE REMAINING 57 VICTIMS REMAIN UNKNOWN.

3. INCIDENTS- ON DEC 26, IN NOMBRE DE JESUS, CHALATENANGO, FIVE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN A CONFRONTATION WITH ARMED GUERRILLA GROUPS. ON DECEMBER 27, IN USULUTAN, 15 ARMED MEN WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE FPL ROBBED $1,000 COLONES FROM THE HACIENDA PAYROLL. ON DECEMBER 28 IN SANTA ANA, A BOMB DESTROYED A DEPARTMENT STORE. ON DECEMBER 28 IN CHALATENANGO, 4 GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENTS WERE DESTROYED BY THE ARMED FORCES IN A MOUNTAINOUS ZONE NEAR SAN ANTONIO DE LA CRUZ. ON DECEMBER 28 IN TEJULTA, CHALATENANGO, THE NATIONAL GUARD POST WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF EXTREMISTS WHO LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER DEAD. ON DECEMBER 28, IN CHALATENANGO, THE TOWNS OF ARCATAO AND LOS VUELTAS WERE ATTACKED BY SMALL GROUPS OF EXTREMISTS FROM THE SURROUNDING HILLS. ON DECEMBER 29 IN SAN SALVADOR, A BOMB DESTROYED A HARDWARE STORE DAMAGING NEARBY BUSINESSES AS WELL. ON DECEMBER 30, IN LA UNION AN ELECTRICAL

SUB-STATION WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF TERRORISTS WHO LEFT ONE DEAD WHEN REPULSED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. ON DECEMBER 30 IN SAN LORENZO, SAN VICENTE, A HAMLET WAS DESTROYED BY A GROUP OF EXTREMISTS WHO LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER DEAD AFTER A CONFRONTATION WITH THE SECURITY FORCES. ON DECEMBER 30 IN ILOPONGO A BUS TRUCK WAS DESTROYED BY A GROUP OF 5 BOYS ARMED WITH SUB-MACHINEGUNS, LED BY A FOURTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL WHO THREW MOLOTOV COCKTAILS. ON DECEMBER 31, IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB DESTROYED THE ENTRY TO A BRANCH OF THE BANCO SALVADORENO. ON DECEMBER 31 IN SUSUPEA CABANAS, A FIRE FIGHT BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND SECURITY FORCES LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES. ON JANUARY 2 NEAR QUILAPES, ABOUT TWENTY MILES NORTH OF THE CAPITAL A GROUP OF ABOUT 100 ARMED MEN SET FIRE TO THE CANE FIELDS DESTROYING AN UNDETERMINED ACREAGE OF SUGAR CANE. ON JANUARY 3 IN SAN SALVADOR U.S. CITIZENS MARK PEARLMAN AND MICHAEL HANDER WERE CONFRONTED BY UNKNOWN GUNMEN AT THE SHERATON HOTEL. ON JANUARY 9 11 BUSINESSES WERE DESTROYED IN THE CENTER OF SAN SALVADOR BY INCENDIARY BOMBS THROWN BY UNKNOWN PERSONS FROM THEIR VEHICLES.

4. GENERAL OPINION THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN MARKED BY AN INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN AND AROUND SAN SALVADOR. A LARGE OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE SALVADORANS ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 4, ON THE SLOPES OF THE SAN SALVADOR VOLCANO WHICH ADJOINS THE COLONIA ESCALON NEIGHBORHOOD IN WHICH MANY EMBASSY EMPLOYEES RESIDE AND WHERE THE SHERATON HOTEL IS LOCATED. EMBASSY WITNESSES STATED THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED TROOPS, ASSISTED BY HELICOPTERS, SWEPT OVER THE VOLCANO IN AN APPARENT SEARCH FOR GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENTS. THE OPERATION LASTED FROM DAYLIGHT UNTIL MID-DAY AND WAS MARKED BY HEAVY OUTBURSTS OF

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GUNFIRE, AT LEAST ONE BOMB, AND SEVERAL FIRES. EMBASSY WITNESSES
ALSO OBSERVED THE EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES BY HELICOPTER.
ADDITIONALLY, EMBASSY STAFFERS TRAVELING TO BEACHES SOUTH
OF THE CAPITAL, AS WELL AS TO POINTS WEST, REPORTED INCREASED
VIGILANCE BY THE SECURITY FORCES, DEMONSTRATED BY THE
PRESENCE OF STRONG MILITARY ROADBLOCKS ON THE APPROACHES TO
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SUBJ: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: JAN 2-9, 1981

1. SUMMARY: THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR WAS MARKED BY THE OUTBREAK OF THE ANTICIPATED "FINAL OFFENSIVE" BY THE LEFTIST FORCES ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 10. THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED ELSEWHERE. IN THE VIOLENCE LEADING UP TO THE "FINAL OFFENSIVE", 184 PERSONS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND 30 ACTS OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE WERE REPORTED. AS IN PREVIOUS WEEKS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE DEATHS CANNOT BE FIXED. END SUMMARY

2. DEATHS: THE POLITICAL VIOLENCE FOR THE PERIOD REPORTED LEFT 184 DEAD. THE ARMED FORCES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR 59

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DEATHS, WHILE 15 DEATHS WERE ASCRIBED TO TERRORIST FORCES. THE KILLERS OF THE REMAINING 109 PERSONS REMAIN UNKNOWN.

3. INCIDENTS:

ON JANUARY 2 IN SAN ESTEBAN, SAN VICENTE, 100 MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE WERE ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES AND THE CIVIL DEFENSE SUFFERED ONE CASUALTY.

ON JAN 2 THE SUBURB OF SAN ANTONIO ABAD WAS HELD FOR 45 MINUTES BY A GROUP OF TERRORISTS WHO LEFT TWO DEAD WHEN THE ARMED FORCES COUNTERATTACKED.

ON JAN 3 THE PRESIDENT OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM INSTITUTE, ROMULO VIERA, AND TWO AMERICANS, MARK PEARLMAN AND MICHAEL HAMMER, WERE MURDERED AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN SAN SALVADOR.

ON JAN 3 IN CINQUERA, CABANAS, TERRORISTS THREW A BOMB AT A BUS, KILLING FOUR PEOPLE.

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ON JAN 3 100 TERRORISTS BURNED CANE FIELDS IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF AGUILARES, NORTH OF THE CAPITAL.
ON JAN 3 A BOMB DESTROYED A TRANSMISSION TOWER IN LA PAZ PROVINCE, CUTTING POWER FOR EIGHT HOURS.
ON JAN 4 A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND GOVERNMENT FORCES ON THE SLOPES OF THE SAN SALVADOR VOLCANO LEFT 58 SUBVERSIVES DEAD.
ON JAN 4 IN CIUDAD DELGADO THE CITY HALL WAS ATTACKED WITH GUNFIRE AND INCENDIARY BOMBS.
ON JAN 5 IN CALIFORNIA, USULATAN A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND A MILITARY PATROL RESULTED IN TWO DEAD GUERRILLAS AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS.
ON JAN 5 IN SAN SALVADOR A MEXICAN NATIONAL, APPARENTLY A MEMBER OF THE FARN, WAS CAPTURED BY SECURITY FORCES.
ON JAN 5 IN GUAZAPA NORTE OF THE CAPITAL A MILITARY OPERATION ON THE GUAZAPA MOUNTAIN LEFT AN AN UNDETERMINED
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NUMBER OF DEAD AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND GUERRILLAS.
ON JAN 5 NEAR SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN, A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MILITARY FORCES AND TERRORIST GROUPS LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
ON JAN 5 IN SAN SALVADOR A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS SEIZED THE MELENDEZ MOVIE THEATER AND THEY WERE LATER EVICTED BY A MILITARY PATROL.
ON JAN 6 IN SAN SALVADOR TWO POLICEMEN WERE MACHINE-GUNNED ON THE STREET IN THE CENTRAL SECTION OF THE CITY.
ON JAN 6 IN CIUDAD DELGADO A GROUP OF STRONGLY ARMED MEN BOMBED THE CITY HALL AND ALSO BURNED SOME BUSES IN THE VICINITY.
ON JAN 6 IN CASERIO LA CONCORDIA, LA LIBERTAD, THE RANCH WAS SEIZED BY A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS WHO BURNED BUILDINGS AND INCITED THE WORKERS TO JOIN THE LEFTISTS. A RESULTING FIREFIGHT WITH MILITARY FORCES LEFT AT LEAST FOUR DEAD AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER WOUNDED.
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ON JAN 6 THE TOWN OF SESORI, SAN MIGUEL, WAS TAKEN BY
A SECONDLY ARMED GROUP OF EXTREMISTS WHO BURNED THE
TELEPHONE BUILDING, THE POST OFFICE, AND THE CITY HALL.
ON JAN 6 IN SANTIAGO TEXACLANGOS, NEAR SAN SALVADOR,
A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSHED BY GUERRILLAS WHO LEFT ONE
DEAD WHEN THEY RETREATED.
ON JAN 6 NEAR ARMENIA, SONSONATE, ARMY FORCES DISCOVERED
A GUERRILLA CAMP AND 15 GUERRILLAS DIED IN THE RESULTING
FIREFIGHT.
ON JAN 7 IN THE TOWN OF LA LIBERTAD 30 EXTREMISTS
ATTACKED THE CITY HALL, LEAVING ONE DEAD.
ON JAN 7 IN SAN VICENTE A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED
WITH BOMBS AND MACHINEGUNS, LEAVING ONE WOUNDED SOLDIER.
ON JAN 7 IN SANTA ANA TWO BUSES WERE ATTACKED BY A
GROUP OF 25 UNKNOWN GUNMEN WHO ROBBED THE PASSENGERS.
ON JAN 7 THE TOWN OF SAN FRANCISCO MORAZAN, CHALATE-
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NANGO, WAS SEIZED BY NUMEROUS EXTREMISTS WHO BOMBED
COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN.
ON JAN 8 IN SAN SALVADORA POLICE VEHICLE WAS MACHINE-
GUNNED IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY. THERE WERE NO REPORTS
OF INJURIES.
ON JAN 8 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB WAS DEACTIVATED
IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE CITY.
ON JAN 8 THE TOWN OF VICTORIA, CABANAS, WAS SEIZED
BY GUERRILLAS WHO LEFT FOUR DEAD WHEN EVICTED BY THE
NATIONAL POLICE.
ON JAN 9 GUERRILLAS DESTROYED TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS
IN CHALATENANGO PROVINCE, LEAVING FIVE TOWNS WITHOUT
TELEPHONE SERVICE.

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ON JAN 9 IN SAN SALVADOR THE ARMY DISCOVERED AN ARSENAL IN A HOUSE AND ONE TERRORIST WAS KILLED IN A SMALL FIREFIGHT.

ON JAN 9 IN CIUDAD DELGADO 22 TERRORISTS WERE KILLED IN A FIREFIGHT WITH ARMY TROOPS. THE TERRORISTS WERE MEMBERS OF THE PRTC.

ON JAN 9 IN SAN SALVADOR SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

ON JAN 9 IN MEJICANOS A FIREFIGHT DEVELOPED BETWEEN SUBVERSIVE MEMBERS OF FARN AND THE HACIENDA POLICE, LEAVING FIVE TERRORISTS AND ONE POLICEMAN DEAD.

4. MILITARY UPDATE: THE WEEKEND SAW THE OUTBREAK OF THE SO-CALLED "FINAL OFFENSIVE" AT ABOUT 1830 HOURS ON JANUARY 10. MANY EXPLOSIONS AND MUCH GUNFIRE WERE HEARD BY EMBASSY STAFFERS IN SAN SALVADOR FROM SATURDAY EVENING THROUGH THE EARLY DAYLIGHT HOURS OF SUNDAY, JAN 11. AS OF 4:00 P.M. THE CENTRAL SECTIONS OF THE CITY AND THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS WHERE AMERICAN STAFFERS RESIDE APPEAR QUIET, BUT MILITARY PATROLS ARE IN THE STREETS,

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POSSIBLY PREPARING FOR THE NEWLY PROCLAIMED CURFEW WHICH BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

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SUBJ: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: JANUARY 10-16, 1981
1. SUMMARY: THIS WEEK WAS MARKED BY THE BEGINNING OF THE ANTICIPATED "FINAL OFFENSIVE" BY THE LEFTIST FORCES IN EL SALVADOR. THE VIOLENCE WAS NOTABLE FOR THE VERY LARGE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED DEATHS, AND FOR THE FACT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THESE DEATHS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED, NOT TO INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF TERRORISM, BUT TO PITCHED BATTLES PROVOKED BY THE GUERRILLA FORCES WITH THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES. ACCORDINGLY, UNLIKE IN PREVIOUS WEEKS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REPORTS CAN BE MORE EASILY FIXED. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: THE ESCALATED VIOLENCE OF THE "FINAL OFFENSIVE" IN

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EL SALVADOR CLAIMED AN ESTIMATED 671 LIVES THIS WEEK AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE DEAD, 462, WERE KILLED IN GUERRILLA CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE SALVADORAN MILITARY. POLICE FORCES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE DEATHS, THE NATIONAL GUARD FOR FOUR DEATHS, AND 67 DEATHS WERE ATTRIBUTED TO GUERRILLA FORCES. THE KILLERS OF THE REMAINING 36 PERSONS COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED.
3. INCIDENTS: (AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS)
-- ON 1/14 IN USULUTAN PROVINCE A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES ATTACKED A NATIONAL GUARD POST LEAVING SEVE DEAD WHEN REPULSED.
-- ON 1/10 THE AIR FORCE BASE AT ILOPANGO RECEIVED AN ARTILLERY ATTACK WHICH KILLED THREE PERSONS.
-- ON 1/11 THE CITY OF SONTA ANA WAS ATTACKED BY A LARGE GROUP OF TERRORISTS WHO DESPITE THE CHARGE OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE DAY. THE OPERATION RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF SEVEN SOLDIERS AND 200 SUBVERSIVES

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ANI AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF WOUNDED.
-- ON 1/11 A THREE HOUR BATTLE OCCURRED IN MEJICANOS WHERE SUBVERSIVES HAD BARRICADED THEMSELVES IN THE STREETS. THE ACTION RESULTED IN TWELVE DEATHS AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF WOUNDED.
-- ON 1/11 IN SAN SALVADOR AN INDEFINITE NUMBER OF DEAD AND WOUNDED RESULTED FROM GUERRILLA ATTACKS ON THE POSTS OF THE AIR FORCE, THE NATIONAL GUARD, AND THE CUARTEL SAN CARLOS.
-- ON 1/11 IN CHALCHUAPA, SANTA ANA, THE VARIOUS MILITARY OUTPOSTS IN THE CITY WERE ATTACKED BY GUERRILLA FORCES RESULTING IN 30 DEAD.
-- ON 1/11 A BATTLE WHICH RANGED THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF METAPAN, SANTA ANA, LEFT A TOTAL OF 30 DEAD.
-- ON 1/11 IN THE CITY OF ZACATECOLUCA WAS INVADED BY A FORCE OF GUERRILLAS WHO LEFT 100 DEAD AFTER BEING REPULSED IN A DAY LONG BATTLE.
-- ON 1/11 THE SUBURB OF CUSCATANCINGO WAS SEIZED BY A GROUP OF

TERRORISTS WHO LEFT ONE DEAD WHEN EVICTED BY THE ARMY.
-- ON 1/11 A HIJACKED TRAIN WAS USED BY GUERRILLAS TO BLOCK THE ENTRANCE TO CIUDAD CERRISA AND COLONIA AMATEPEC. AN ATTACK BY ARMY TROOPS RESULTED IN AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF DEAD.
-- ON 1/11 AN ENGAGEMENT IN THE SUBURB OF TONACATEPEQUE RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF ONE SOLDIER AND THREE GUERRILLAS.
-- ON 1/12 IN SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA, THE NATIONAL POLICE AND NATIONAL GUARD BUILDINGS SUFFERED AN ATTACK WHICH LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER DEAD.
-- ON 1/12 THE BUILDINGS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE TREASURY POLICE IN SANTA ROSA DE LIMA, LA UNION SUFFERED AN ATTACK WHICH LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER DEAD.
-- ON 1/12 SOUTH AFRICAN REPORTER IAN MATES WAS KILLED AND TWO AMERICANS WERE WOUNDED WHEN THEIR CAR STRUCK A LAND MINE NEAR AGUILARES, NORTE OF THE CAPITAL.
-- ON 1/12 OUTSIDE SUCHITOTO, ONE CHILD WAS KILLED WHEN A BUS RAN A GAUNTLET OF ARMED GUERRILLAS WHO OPENED FIRE.
-- ON 1/12 SEVERAL HUNDRED GUERRILLAS INVADED THE TOWN OF CONCEPCION, CHALATENANGO, AND LEFT TEN DEAD WHEN ARMY FORCES COUNTER-ATTACKED.
-- ON 1/13 IN SOYAPANGO SIX EXTREMISTS FIRE-BOMBED THE OFFICES OF THE DIRECCION DE URBANISMO Y ARQUITECTURA.
-- ON 1/13 THE TOWNS OF SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA AND SANTA ROSA DE LIMA WERE BRIEFLY ISOLATED BY ROADBLOCKS ERECTED ON THE APPROACHES TO THE TOWNS.
-- ON 1/13 A CACHE OF CHINESE-MADE WEAPONS AND SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES UNIFORMS WERE DISCOVERED IN MEJICANOS.
-- ON 1/13 NEAR SAN MIGUEL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE OF THE CITY AND A SUBORDINATE WERE KILLED IN A CLASH WITH A GUERRILLA FORCE.
-- ON 1/14 IT WAS REPORTED THAT 100 MEN LANDED AT PLAYA

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EL CUCO, SAN MIGUEL. SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS BY THE ARMED FORCES LED TO THE DEATHS OF 32 OF THE INVADERS.
-- ON 1/14 A SECOND ATTACK WAS MADE ON SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA, LEAVING AN UNKNOWN NUMBER DEAD.
-- ON 1/14 REPORTS WERE RECEIVED OF FIREFIGHTS IN THE
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CITIES OF SAN VICENTE, ZACATECOLUCA, CHALTENANGO, SANTA TOMAS, AND SUCHITOTO.
-- ON 1/15 IN SAN SALVADOR, SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE OFFICES OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.
-- ON 1/15 A BRIDGE WAS DYNAMITED, SEVERING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN CHAPELTIQUE AND SESORI, SAN MIGUEL.
-- ON 1/15 THE CENTRAL MARKET IN ZACOLUCA, SAN VICENTE WAS SEIZED BY TERRORISTS WHO LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF DEAD WHEN ATTACKED BY SECURITY FORCES.
-- ON 1/15 IN NUEVO, A BUS WAS BURNED BY A GROUP OF TERRORISTS.
-- ON 1/15 IN METAPAN, SANTA ANA, AN ASSAULT ON A GUERRILLA SAFE HOUSE LEFT SEVEN GUERRILLAS DEAD.
-- ON 1/15 IN SAN SALVADOR, SECURITY FORCES DISCOVERED A PRINTING PRESS OF THE LEFTIST PAPER "EL INDEPENDIENTE" AS WELL AS TWO OTHER CLANDESTINE PRINTING PRESSES.
-- ON 1/15 IN SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA, A FRENCH PHOTOGRAPHER WAS INJURED BY AN UNKNOWN PARTY.
-- ON 1/16 A FIREFIGHT OUTSIDE OF ZACATECOLUCA LEFT THREE SOLDIERS AND 37 GUERRILLAS DEAD.
4. CURRENT UPDATE: THE WEEKEND PASSED QUIETLY IN THE CAPITAL SAVE FOR THE DETONATION OF A BOMB IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SURROUNDING THE EMBASSY AT 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY.

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1. SUMMARY: THE WEEK REPORTED WAS THE SECOND WEEK OF THE LEFTIST-PROCLAIMED FINAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR. THE VIOLENCE INSPIRED BY THE OFFENSIVE CLAIMED A TOTAL OF 296 LIVES, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAJORITY OF WHICH HAS BEEN ASCRIBED TO THE SALVADORAN SECURITY FORCES. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT LEFTIST FORCES CONTINUE TO SUFFER PUNISHING LOSSES IN THEIR REPORTED CONTACTS WITH THE SALVADORAN MILITARY. IN ADDITION, NEARLY 40 SALVADORANS HAVE DIED WHILE ALLEGEDLY IN VIOLATION OF THE CURRENT CURFEW. END SUMMARY.
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2. DEATHS: THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR CLAIMED ANOTHER 296 LIVES DURING THE WEEK REPORTED. THE ARMY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE DEATHS, 179 IN NUMBER, WITH 39 OF THAT TOTAL KILLED WHILE IN VIOLATION OF THE DUSK TO DAWN CURFEW. A FURTHER 22 DEATHS WERE ASCRIBED TO THE NATIONAL GUARD, WHILE TERRORISTS ACCOUNTED FOR SEVEN DEATHS. THE KILLERS OF 88 PERSONS REMAIN UNKNOWN.
3. INCIDENTS: EMBASSY WISHES TO REPORT TWO ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS UNREPORTED IN PREVIOUS CABLE.
-- ON JANUARY 14 LEFTISTS BURNED APPROXIMATELY 400 ACRES OF SUGAR CANE IN LA LIBERTAD PROVINCE.
-- ON JAN 18 SECURITY FORCES DISCOVERED A LARGE CACHE OF ARMS CLAIMED TO BE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE DUENAS FAMILY, IN THE COLONIA SAN BENITO SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR. THIS LOCATION IS A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

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-- ON JAN 17 IN SANTA ANA PROVINCE A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND LEFTIST GUERRILLAS RSULTED IN SEVEN DEATHS OF "8 ALLEGED GUERRILLAS, ONE SOLDIER AND THE WOUNDING OF SIX MORE SOLDIERS.
-- ON JAN 17 IN SAN SALVADOR THE CUARTEL OF THE CUSTOMS POTICE WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF EXTREMISTS WHO LEFT 24 DEAD WHEN REPULSED.
-- ON JANU 18 IN EL PAISNAL, SAN SALVADOR A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND GUERRILLAS LEFT 15 GUERRILLAS DEAD.
-- ON JAN 18 IN CHALCHUAPA, SANTA ANA THEY ARMY RAIDED A HOUSE USED AS AN ARMS DEPOT. THREE GUERRILLAS DIED IN THE ACTION.
-- ON JAN 19 IN COJUTES, SANTA ANA A NATIONAL GUARD PATROL ATTACKED A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS. THE RESULTING COMBAT LEFT 12 CIVILIANS DEAD FROM THE CROSSFIRE.
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-- ON JAN 19 IN USULUTAN PROVINCE GUERRILLA FORCES BLOCKED MANY VEHICLES ON THE ROAD DISABLING THEM IN AN ATTEMPT TO BLOCK ACCESS TO THE TOWN OFUSULUTAN.
-- ON JAN 19 IN SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN A LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE NATIONAL POLICE POST. UPON REPULSE THEY BURNED TWO COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO TH GROUND.
-- ON JAN 19 IN LA UNION PROVINCE SECURITY FORCES DISCOVERED A GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT AT WHICH THERE WAS A CONFRONTATION LEAVING AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF DEAD AND WOUNDED.
-- ON JAN 19 IN ILOPANGO A GASOLINE STATION WAS DESTROYED BY A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES.
-- ON JAN 20 IN LAS VUELTAS, CHALATENANGO A MILITARY PATROL ENCOUNTERED A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS. TWO SOLDIERS AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS DIED IN THE ACTION.
-- ON JAN 20 THE TOWNS OF SOCIEDAD AND EL ROSARIO IN MORAZAN WERE OCCUPIED BY SUBVERSIVE GROUPS UNTIL DRIVEN OUT BY THE ARMY
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-- ON JAN 20 IN SOYAPANGO A BUS WAS SEIZED AND BURNED BY A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES.
-- ON JAN 21 THERE WERE REPORTS OF BRIEF BUT SHARP FIRE FIGHTS IN THE COMMUNITIES OF SAN ANTONIO ABAD, MIRAVALLE, ZACAMIL ANT AYUTUXTEPEQUE, ALL SUBURBS OF SAN SALVADOR.
-- ON JAN 21 IN SAN SALVADOR A GASOLINE STATION WAS DESTROYED BY A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES WHO FORCED THE OWNER TO COVER THE PROPERTY IN GASOLINE BEFORE THE IGNITION.
-- ON JAN 21 IN MEJICANOS A BUS WAS BURNED BY FIVE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
-- ON JAN 21 IN SAN VICENTE A GUERRILLA CAMP WAS DISCOVERED BY ARMY TROOPS, AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF SOLDIERS AND GUERRILLAS DIED IN THE ENCOUNTER.
-- ON JAN 21 NEAR APOPA, SAN SALVADOR AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWER WAS DYNAMITED LEAVING PORTIONS OF THE CAPITAL AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS WITHOUT ELECTRICITY

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FOR SIX HOURS.
-- ON JAN 22 IN SAN SALVADOR A LARGE QUANTITY OF SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE WAS FOUND IN VARIOUS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.
-- ON JAN 22 BRIEF BUT SHARP MILITARY ENCOUNTERS WERE REPORTED IN THE TOWNS OF COPINTO, CHALATE, SANTA CLARA, SAN VICENTE AND TIERRA BLANCA, USULUTAN.
-- ON JAN 22 NEAR SANTO TOMAS, SAN SALVADOR TERRORISTS STOPPED THE VEHICLES ON THE ROAD IN AN ATTEMPT TO BLOCK TRAFFIC.
-- ON JAN 22 IN APOPA, SANSALVADOR ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE CAPITAL TERRORISTS ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK ACCESS TO THE CAPITAL.

-- ON JAN 22 IN THE SUBURBS OF AYUTUXTEPEQUE AN I
MEJICANOS SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS BURNED SEVERAL BUSES BEFORE
BEING DRIVEN OFF BY SECURITY FORCES.
-- ON JAN 22 IN ZACATECOLUCA, LA PAZ SECURITY FORCES
FOUGHT A GUERRILLA GROUP OUTSIDE A HOSPITAL. IT WAS
REPORTED THAT SEVERAL DOZEN BULLETS HAD PENETRATED THE
WARDS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES REPORTED.
AAA ON JAN 22 AT CANTON AMATECAMPO OLOCUILTA, LA PAZ
IT WAS REPORTED THAT A LANDING HAD TAKEN PLACE BY AN
UNKNOWN NUMBER OF LAUNCHES.
-- ON JAN 23 NEAR JIQUILISCO, USULUTAN A CONFRONTATION
BETWEEN SUBVERSIVES AND SECURITY FORCES LEFT TWO SOLDIERS
DEAD.
-- ON JAN 23 IN CHALCHUAPA, SANTANA ANA A HOUSE WAS
DESTROYED BY AN EXPOLSION KILLING THREE PEOPLE. IT IS
BELIEVED THAT THE DEAD WERE CONSTRUCTING A BOMB WHEN THE
EXPOLSION TOOK PLACE.
-- ON JAN 24 CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS
AND SECURITY FORCES WERE REPORTED IN THE FOLLOWING
COMMUNITIES: SAN VICENTE, ZACATECOLUCA, CHALATENANGO,

MEJICANOS, CUSCATANCINGO, AND IN THE PROVINCE OF
CABANAS. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES AT THIS POINT.
4. WEEKEND UPDATE: THE WEEKEND IN SAN SALVADOR APPEARS
TO HAVE PASSED QUIETLY. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF A
SHOOTOUT IN THE CIUDAD DELGADO SECTOR, BUT THERE HAS BEEN
NO CONFIRMATION AS OF YET. ON THE MORNING OF JAN 25
THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE CLAIMED THAT IT DESTROYED ON THE
GROUND A SMALL AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN
SMUGGLING WEAPONS TO THE GUERRILLAS.
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW JANUARY 31- FEBRUARY 6
1. SUMMARY: SPORADIC ACTS OF VIOLENCE CONTINUED TO OCCUR IN EL SALVADOR THIS WEEK. AMONG MOST NOTEWORTHY WAS THE FEBRUARY 3 BOMBING OF THE EDUCATION MINISTRY. ALSO NOTEWORTHY WERE THE SEVERAL ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND THE GUERRILLAS IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF CONCHAGUA (LA UNION) ANOTHER AFFECTED AREA WAS THAT JUST NORTH OF THE CAPITAL, THE SOYAPANGO SAN MARTIN NEJAPA TRIANGLE CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A POME FOR TROUBLES. ALSO THIS WEEK, THE TREND IN CASUALTIES CONTINUED TO INCLINE ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER SOURCES 116 PEOPLE WERE KILLED. ALTHOUGH SALVADORAN WERE TELLING US THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE HAD RETURNED TO ITS PRE-FINAL OFFENSIVE LEVEL OF INTENSITY. OUR STATISTICS LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT THE LEVEL WAS SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW THAT OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR.
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END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: AT LEAST 116 DEPT KILLED THIS WEEK IN EL SALVADOR WE COULD NOT DETERMINE WHO KILLED 88 OF THOSE PEOPLE. WE DO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THE MILITARY KILLED AT LEAST TWELVE AND THAT NO LESS THAN SIX WERE KILLED BY LEFTIST GUERRILLAS.
3. INCIDENTS:
-- ON 1/31 ONE NEWSPAPER RAN A STORY CLAIMING THAT THE TOWNS OF EL ALMENDRITO AND EL TIJANO (CHALATENANGO) ARE UNDER ALMOST CONSTANT ATTACK BY GUERRILLAS IN THE SURROUNDING HILLS.
--ON 1/31 A BOMB WAS PLACED DOWN A CORRIDOR OF THE APOPA (SAN SALVADOR) CITY HALL; THE SUBSEQUENT EXPLOSION INJURED THREE MUNICIPAL POLICE AND DAMAGED THE BUILDING.
--ON 1/31 A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED IN THE MONTE CARMELO SECTION OF SOYAPANGO. POLICE SUBSEQUENTLY DISCOVERED A GUERRILLA
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CELL IN THE AREA AND DISMANTLED IT.
--ON 1/31 A MILITARY SWEEP THROUGH PLAN EL PINO, CIUDAD DELGADO (SAN SALVADOR) UNCOVERED ANOTHER GUERRILLA CELL. THE DISCOVERY PROVOKED A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND THE GUERRILLAS.
--ON 2/1 A BOMB FELLED AN ELECTRICAL TOWER LEAVING SEVERAL SAN SALVADOR NEIGHBORHOODS WITHOUT ELECTRICITY.
--ON 2/1 A SAN SALVADOR BUS WAS BURNED.
--ON 2/1 A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT A SAN SALVADOR SAVINGS BANK.
--ON 2/1 TROOPS IN THE AREA OF TENANCINGO (CUSCATLAN) WERE ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS. NO OTHER DETAILS WERE MADE AVAILABLE
--ON 2/1 FIREFIGHTS BROKE OUT BEFORE DAWN BETWEEN MILITARY AND LEFTIST SUBVERSIVES IN SAN SALVADOR SUBURBS MIRAMONTE, MIRAVALLE SATELITE, AND SAN ANTONIO ABAD.
--ON 2/1 FOUR SOLDIERS AND UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED DURING A MILITARY SWEEP OF AN AREA NEAR NEJAPA (SAN SALVADOR)
--ON 2/1 A LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLAS ATTEMPTED TO TAKE OVER

DULCE NOMBRE DE MARIA (CHALATENANGO) BEFORE BEING DRIVEN OFF THE GUERRILLAS DESTROYED THE ANTEL OFFICE.
--ON 2/1 TWO ACCESS BRIDGES TO SAN FERNANDO (CHALATENANGO) WERE BLOWN UP BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON 2/2 GUERRILLAS SET FIRE TO THE ESSO STORAGE FACILITY IN SOYAPANGO. (SAN SALVADOR)
--ON 2/2 ABOUT 20 GUERRILLAS IN TWO SMALL TRUCKS ATTACKED THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE MEJICANOS CONSTABULARY.
--ON 2/2 THE ELECTRIC LINES TO SAN ANTONIO ABAD (SAN SALVADOR) WERE DYNAMITED.
--ON 2/2 SEVERAL BUSES WERE BURNED AND/OR USED TO BLOCK STREETS IN SEVERAL AREAS OF SAN SALVADOR.
-- ON 2/3 A MORNING EXPLOSION DESTROYED PARTS OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.
--ON 2/3 A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE ISIDRO MENENDEZ COURT COMPLEX IN SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 2/3 THREE BOMBS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED THE TWO PRINCIPAL STORES AND A GASOLINE STATION IN APOPA (SAN SALVADOR)
--ON 2/3 THE TOWN OF CONCHAGUA (LA UNION) WAS ATTACKED BY A REPORTEDLY LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLAS. THE ATTACK WAS REPELLED BY MILITARY ELEMENTS.
--ON 2/4 A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE SAN SALVADOR HOME OF AN ITALO NICARAGUAN FAMILY RESIDENT IN EL SALVADOR
--ON 2/4 THE GUATEMALAN EMBASSY WAS STRAFFED FROM A PASSING VEHICLE.
--ON 2/4 A POWERFUL BOMB DAMAGED A SAN SALVADOR BANK.
-- ON 2/4 BARRICADES AND BUSES WERE USED BY GUERRILLAS SPORTING ARMY BANDANAS TO BLOCK THE ROAD LINKING SOYAPANGO AND TONACATEPEQUE.
--ON 2/4 THE BUILDING HOUSING THE EMBASSIES OF PERU, BRASIL, COSTA RICA AND SWITZERLAND WAS MACHINE GUNNED.

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--ON 2/4 NORE SAN SALVADOR BUSES WERE BURNED.
--ON 2/4 AT LEAST ONE SOLDIER WAS KILLED DURING A MILITARY ATTACK AGAINST A GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT NEAR CONCHAGUA VOLCANO (LA UNION).
--. ON 2/4 PASSENGERS ON A BUS FIRED AT PER SAN MARTIN CITY JAIL;
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POLICE RETURNED THE FIRE, FORCING THE BUS TO STOP AND CAUSING ALL OF THE BUS PASSENGERS TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES.
-- ON 2/4 CONCHAGUA WAS ATTACKED AGAIN; THE ATTACKING GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY SUSTAINED HEAVY LOSSES.
-- ON 2/5 A SHELL GASOLINE STATION IN SAN SALVADOR WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRES SET BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON 2/6 A CLANDESTINE GUERRILLA CLINIC IN SAN MIGUEL WAS DISCOVERED AND DISMANTLED.
--ON 2/6 GUERRILLAS DESTROYED EL DELIRIO BRIDGE (SAN MIGUEL) AND DAMAGED AN ADJACENT ELECTRICAL INSTALATIONM
--ON 2/6 SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES PLANES AND HELICOPTERS REPORTEDLY ATTACKED AN AREA NEAR THE CONCHAGUA VOLCANO WHERE GUERRILLAS WERE ASSUMED TO BE HIDING.
--ON 2/6 TEN MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE COMITEE OF CANTON LA CEIBA, SAN AGUSTIN (USULUTAN) WERE ATTACKED BY TERRORIST; NO DEATHS WERE REPORTED.
--ON 2/6 BAPTIST OVERSEAS TEN TOWN OF MEANGUERA (LA UNION) WHICH HAS BEEN THREE TIMES HAVE DRIVEN OFF BY MILITARY ELEMENTS.
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE DATA IN REVIEW: FEBRUARY 7-13
1. SUMMARY: DURING THE WEEK OF THIS REPORT THE LEVEL OF SALVADORAN VIOLENCE REMAINED MORE OR LESS AT THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S LEVEL. THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE ACT/IN TERMS OF LIVES LOST- WAS THE FEBRUARY 8 GRENADE ATTACK AGAINST A TRUCK FULL OF FARM WORKERS NEAR SUCHITOTO. EIGHTEEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED. AN EMBASSY CONTACT BELIEVES HE HAS LEARNED THAT THE LEFT DESTROYED THE TRUCK FOR CARRYING GOVERNMENT INFORMANTS. END OF SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: A MINIMUM OF 113 PEOPLE WERE KILLED THIS WEEK. LEFTIST GUERRILLAS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR AT LEAST THIRTY FIVE OF THOSE KILLINGS; NINE WERE VICTIMS OF THE MILITARY. THE REST
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WERE KILLED BY ANONYMOUS KILLERS.
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON 2/7 A CONFLICT AROSE BETWEEN TROOPS RIDING IN A TRUCK AND GUERRILLAS WHO ATTACKED THE TRUCK NEAR SAN MARCOS LEMPA (USULUTAN)
--ON 2/7 TWO CAR THIEVES (POSIBLY GUERRILLAS) KILLED THE THIEVES OF A CAR THEY INTENDED TO STEAL BUT WERE THEN KILLED THEMSELVES BY PASSING TROOPS.
--ON 2/7 A BOMB EXPLOSION AT AN "ATLACATL" IN SAN SALVADOR SAVINGS BANK INJURED FIVE PEOPLE AND DAMAGED THE BUILDING.
--ON 2/7 A GROUP OF ARMED MEN ROBBED A SAN MIGUEL SHELL GASOLINE STATION.
-- ON 2/7 FISHERMAN NEAR LA LIBERTAD RECOVERED A WOODEN BOX FILLED WITH SOVIET GRENADES AND NICARAGUAN NEWSPAPERS. (OTHERS SAY IT WAS THE SALVADORAN NAVY)
--ON 2/7 TROOPS BATTLED GUERRILLAS WHO WERE STOPPING BUSES AND

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KOEPKE THE PASSENGERS NEAR VERAPAZ (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 2/6 A MILITARY TRUCK WAS AMBUSHED NEAR SAN ESTEBAN CATARINA
NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.
-- ON 2/8 GUERRILLAS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY AN ELEC-
TRICAL INSTALLATION NEAR CIUDAD DELGADO (SAN SALVADOR)
--ON 2/8 SOYAPANGO 4 BUS FIRE TRUCK WERE BURNED.
--ON 2/10 GUERRILLAS LOBBED A GRENADE INTO A TRUCK CARRYING
FARMWORKERS ON THE LA BERMUDA HACIENDA NEAR SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN)
EIGHTEEN FARMERS WERE KILLED. AN EMBASSY CONTACT SPOKE WITH A
BAPTIST SUCHITOTO WOMAN ON 2/5 AND WAS TOLD THAT THE ACTION
WAS TAKEN AGAINST "CHIVAS" LITERALLY "DARS" THE DERISIVE NAME
USED FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMANTS.
--ON 2/9 A SECOND TRUCK CARRYING FARMWORKERS AND IN THIS CASE,
SOME SOLDIERS WAS BOMBED; FOUR FARMERS AND ONE SOLDIER WERE
KILLED. ALL OF THIS TOOK PLACE NEAR CANTON LOS TAURALES (SAN VI-
CENTE).
--ON 2/9 GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE TOWN OF LOLOTIQUE (SAN MIGUEL)
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BUT WERE DRIVEN AND FIREFIGHTERS WERE BURNED WHEN THE GASOLINE
TANK OF A SOYAPANGO BUS SET AFIRE BY GUERRILLAS EXPLODED.
--ON 2/10 TWO CHILDREN AND FIREFIGHTER WERE BURNED M
--ON 2/10 SOME APPROXIMATELY FIVE SAN SALVADOR AND SOYAPANGO
BUSES WERE EITHER BURNED, MACHINE GUNNED OR USED AS ROADBLOCKS
--ON 2/10 THE TOWN OF NUEVA GRANADA (USULUTAN) WAS ATTACKED BY
A GUERRILLA GROUP WHICH STAY OUT TO DESTROY TELEPHONE INSTALLA-
TIONS AND THE TOWN FELL.
--ON 2/10 THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER
INJURED WHEN A TRUCK CARRYING PASSENGERS WAS FIRED UPON BY AN
ARMED GROUP NEAR METAPAN (SANTA ANA)
--ON 2/10 TERRORISTS BURNED HOUSES AND COFFEE PLANTINGS IN CANTON
LA GUITA, SAN AGUSTIN (USULUTAN) ON 2/10 GUERRILLAS BURNED A LARGE
QUANTITY OF COTTON STORED IN THE WAREHOUSES OF THE ENTRE RIOS
HACIENDA NEAR ZACATECOLUCA (LA PAZ).
-- ON 2/11 APPROXIMATELY TWENTY PEOPLE WERE INJURED WHEN THE
BUSES THEY WERE RIDING IN WAS FIRED AT BY ANONYMOUS SNIPERS
BUS THEY WERE RIDING IN WAS FIRED A NEAR TAHITAPA (SANTA ANA).
--ON 2/11 A BUS FAILED TO STOP NEAR APASTEPEQUE, AT A GUERRILLA
CHECK POINT (SAN VICENTE)
--ON FEB 11 AN IMPORTANT ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION NEAR EL SEMBRO
(SAN MIGUEL) WAS DESTROYED LEAVING PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE OF THE
FAR EASTERN SECTOR OF THE COUNTRY WITHOUT ELECTRIC POWER.
--ON 2/12 TWO [illegible] WERE KILLED NEAR CANTON SAN FELIPE (SAN MIGUEL
WHEN A BOMB WAS BURIED BY THE BUS IN WHICH THEY WERE RIDING.
-- ON 2/12 THE PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER ASSERTED THAT TERRORIST
HAVE KILLED 136 INNOCENT AND UNARMED WORKERS IN HIS DEPART-
MENT AND, IN ADDITION, HAVE DESTROYED ELEVEN BRIDGES IN THE
EASTERN SECTOR OF THE COUNTRY.
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1. SUMMARY. DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW GOVERNMENT TROOPS INITIATED ANTI-GUERRILLA OPERATIONS IN CHALATENENGO AND USULUTAN (SAI LAST IR REPORTS); SECURITY FORCES RAIDED THE EDUCATION MINISTRY DISCOVERED AN ARMS CACHE AND FOUND WEAPONS IN A PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE ARCHBISHOPRIC. MEANWHILE, GUERRILLAS CONTINUE TO DISTROY ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, ATTACK ANTEL BUILDINGS AND MUG BUS PASSENGERS ON THE COUNTRIES HIGHWAY. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATH: THE CONFIRMED DEATH TOLL FOR THIS WEEK AMOUNTED TO 137 PEOPLE. (COMMENT: CONFIRMED MEANS THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH DETAILS ABOUT EACH CASUALTY TO BE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT IT DID, IN FACT, OCCUR. END COMMENT.) AN ADDITIONAL 40 PEOPLE WERE REPORTED TO
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HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THE MILITARY, MAINLY IN ENGAGEMENTS IN SAN SEBASTIAN AND SANTO DOMINGO (SAN VICENTE) AND SAN MARTIN (SAN SALVADOR) THAT FIGURE IS ALMOST CERTAINLY INFLATED; ESTIMATES OF THE MILITARY'S SUCCESSES TEND TO BE EXAGERATED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT OUR OWN CONFIRMED COUNTS PLUS THE MILITARY'S ESTIMATES OF THEIR BATTLEFIELD CASUALTIES. THE SECOND FIGURE SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH RESERVATIONS.
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON 2/14 A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CENTRAL RESERVE BANK.
--ON 2/14 A TERRORIST CELL WAS DISCOVERED IN SONSONATE. NO DETAILS WERE MADE AVAILABLE.
--ON 2/15 BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES WERE USED TO BLOCK THE ROAD BETWEEN SAN MARCOS AND SANTO TOMAS (SAN SALVADOR).
--MILITARY REPORTS INDICATED THAT ON 2/15 SEVENTEEN PEOPLE WERE
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KILLED DURING A GOVERMENT ATTACK AGAINST THREE GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT NEAR TEJUTIA (CHALATENANGO)
--ON 2/15 HEAVY FIGHTING POSSIBLY INCLUING GRENADE LAUNCHERS OCURRED IN THEIA VEGA AREA OF CIUDAD DELGADO (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON 2626 A MILITARY SEARCH OF "IONUS MARIAE" A BRANCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE IN MEJICANOS (SAN SALVADOR) UNCOVERED A HIDDEN CACHE OF UNIFORMS, GRENADES AND PELICULAS AND BOMBS.
--ON 2/16 THREE SAN SALVADOR BUSES WERE BURNED.
--ON 2/16 ONE WATCHMAN WAS KILLED WHEN A SAN SALVADOR BRANCH OF "CREDICO" A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, WAS ROBBED BY HEAVILY ARMED MEN.
--ON 2/16 A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS ENGAGED IN ROBBING BUS PASSENGERS NEAR SAN LORENZO (SAN VICENTE) WAS FORCED TO FLEE BY A PASSING MILITARY PATROL.
--ON OR ABOUT 2/16 A RAID AGIANST A SANSALVADOR GUERRILLA SAFE-HOUSE RESULTED IN THE CAPTURE OF FOUR ERP MEMBERS. AT LEAST ONE OTHER ARRESTEES WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE KID-NAPPING

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--ON 2/17 ANOTHER ELECTRIC TOWER WAS BLOWN UP, THIS ONE NEAR SAN VICENTE.
--ON 2/17 THE LARGE POOR SECTION OF GREATER SAN SALVADOR (SOYAPANGO, CIUDAD DELGADO, ILOPANGO) FOR ALMOST 24 HOURS WAS LEFT WITHOUT ELECTRICITY AFTER BOMBING OF TWO ELECTRIC TOWERS.
--ON 2/17 TEN GUERRILLAS MEMBERS OF A BUS-ROBBING GROUP OF FIFTY WERE REPORTED KILLED NEAR SAN SEBASTIAN (SAN VICENTE) AFTER TROOPS ARRIVE ON THE SCENE.
--ON 2/17 FIFTEEN GUERRILLAS WERE REPORTED KILLED BY TROOPS WHO CAME UPON THEIR CAMPSMENT NEAR SANTO DOMINGO (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 2/17 A GUERRILLAS ATTACK AGAINST THE SAN MARTIN (SAN SALVADOR) POLICE STATION LEFT SEVEN OF THEIR NUMBER DEAD.
ON 2/17 FOUR ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS WERE EXPLODED; THIS TIME NEAR ZACATECOLUCA IN PAZ. THE INCIDENT REPORTEDLY PLUNGED LARGE AREAS OF THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY ONCE AGAIN INTO DARKNESS.
--ON 2/17 SEVERAL ENCOUNTERS OCURRED BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND GUERRILLAS IN SEVERAL AREAS OF CHALATENANGO NAMELY TEJUTLA SAN FRANCISCO MORAZAN, AND LA REINA.
--ON 2/17 IT WAS REPORTED THAT SAN LORENZO (SAN VICENTE) WAS TAKEN OVER BY GUERRILLAS BUT THAT THE MILITARY HAD THE SITUATION IN HAND AFTER SURROUNDING THE TOWN.
--ON 2/18 THE FOURTH STORY OF THE BONBEL EDUCATION MINISTRY WAS RAIDED BY MILITARY ELEMENTS WHO REPORTEDLY FOUND "SUBVERSIVE" MATERIAL.
--ON 2/18 AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS WERE REPORTED KILLED WHEN MILITARY ELEMENTS ATTACKED A GUERRILLA CAMP NEAR SAN CARLOS LEMPA (SAN VICENTE)
--ON 2/19 TWO SANTA ANA RADIO STATIONS WERE TAKEN OVER BY FPL MEMBERS WHO BROADCAST A MESSAGE FROM ARMY DESERTER CAPT. MENA

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--ON 2/19 15? STICKS OF DINAMITE ANI MATERIAL FOR MAKING BOMBS
WERE UNCOVERED ON EL ZAPOTE HACIENDA NEAR SONSONATE.
--ON 2/19 SSR ANTONIO DE LA CRUZ (CHALATENANGO) WAS ATTACKED
BY GUERRILLASVS NO OTHER DETAILS WERE MADE AVAILABLE.
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--ON 2/22 FIVE GUERRILLAS SET FIRE TO THE ANTEL OFFICES IN
PLANES DE RENDEROS (SAN SALVALOR. -ON 2/22 A GROUP OF TERRORIST
BURNING FROM A FAILED ATTEMP TO DESTROY AN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
ANTERI THE PINETTI MARKET, KILLED ONE VENICE AND INJURED SEVERAL
OTHERS.
--ON 2/22 TWO SOLDIERS AND ONE CIVILIAN WERE INJURED WHEN
THEIR TRUCK STRUCK A MINE NORTH OF SAN SALVALOR.
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1. SUMMARY: INCIDENTS OF SPECIAL SAVAGERY OCCURRED THIS WEEK IN THIS COUNTRY. ON 2/25 IN IONACATEPEQUE (SAN SALVADOR) THREE SCHOOL TEACHERS, THEIR WIVES AND TOWN OFFICIALS WERE KILLED BY GUNMEN WHO GAVE A POINT OF LYING SO BEFORE THE VICTIMS' CHILDREN. EDUCATION MINISTRY CONTEMPLATIONS OF THE MURDER IMPLIED THAT RIGHTIST, ARMED OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL, WERE RESPONSIBLE. TWO DAYS LATER A BOMB EXPLOSION AT THE MINISTRY OF LABOR LEFT THE PLACE IN RUINS AND DISARRAY. AT LEAST FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED. THERE WAS ADDITIONAL VIOLENCE IN SAN LORENZO (SAN VICENTE) A TOWN THE MILITARY RECOVERED FROM GUERRILLAS AND ON THE SLOPES OF GUAZAPA VOLCANO CIRCLES WHICH ARE APPARENTLY STILL IN THE HANDS OF THE GUERRILLAS.

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2. DETAILS: THIS WEEK'S CONFIRMED DEATH TOLL AMOUNTED TO 117 PEOPLE. OF THE TOTAL NUMBER AT LEAST 28 WERE KILLED ANONYMOUSLY IN EACH CASE BY TWO DISTINCTIVE GROUPS OF "BRAVERY ARMED MEN" WHO ARE UNKNOWN AND APPEAR TO PATROL DURING THE HOURS THE CURFEW IS IN FORCE.

DURING THE PERIOD REVIEWED THE SALVADORAN MILITARY REPORTED [illegible] TROOPS KILLED 52 GUERRILLAS IN SAN LORENZO (SAN VICENTE), AN ADDITIONAL 25-30 IN SAN MARCO DE LEMPA (USULUTAN) AND ANOTHER 10 IN SOYAPANGO (SAN SALVADOR).

THESE REPORTS MAY BE INFLATED.

3. INCIDENTS:

--ON 2/21 THE BROADCAST FACILITIES OF A SAN SALVADOR RADIO STATION WERE DESTROYED BY A GROUP OF MASKED MEN WHO SET FIRE TO THE EQUIPMENT.

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--ON 2/22 A PITCHED BATTLE BETWEEN TROOPS AND GUERRILLAS NEAR SAN MARCOS LEMPA (USULUTAN) REPORTEDLY LEFT 50 GUERRILLAS DEAD.
--ON 2/22 AN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION ON THE ROAD BETWEEN ZACATECOLUCA (LA PAZ) AND IPCOLUCA (SAN VICENTE) WAS DESTROYED BY A FIRE SET BY UNKNOWN ARSONIST.
--ON 2/23 AN ELECTRIC LINES BETWEEN CERRON GRANDE (CABANAS) AND NEJAPA (SAN SALVADOR) WERE DYNAMITED LEAVING PORTIONS OF THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE COUNTRY TEMPORARILY WITHOUT POWER.
--ON 2/23 ELECTRIC LINES REPORTEDLY DINKING AGUA CAIENTE (CHALATENANGO) AND SAN RAFAEL CEDROS (CUSCATLAN) WERE TOPPLED BY TERRORIST
--ON 2/23 THREE ARMED GUERRILLAS SET FIRE TO TWO SOYAPANGO (SAN SALVADOR) BUSES.
--ON 2/23 A SAN TA ANA GUERRILLA BOMB-MAKING FACTORY WAS DISMANTLED BY THE AUTHORITIES.
--ON 2/23 A GROUP OF TROOPS OF MILITIA WERE ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS NEAR CHINCHONTEPEC VOLCANO (SAN VICENTE).
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ON 2/23 BETWEEN 25 AND 32 GUERRILLA WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED WHEN GOVERNMENT TROOPS ENTERED THE TOWN OF SAN LORENZO (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 2/23 GUERRILLAS ENTERED THE TOWN HALL OF EL PAISNAL (SAN SALVADOR) OFFICES OF ANDA (THE WATER WORKS).
--ON 2/24 A POWERFUL BOMB SERIOUSLY DAMAGED THE SAN SALVADOR SAN ANTONIO DA ORUZ IN ORDER TO VANDALIZE PORTION OF IT.
--ON 2/24 THE POWDER STORES OF THE SAN MIGUEL GARRISON EXPLODED OFFICIALS CLAIMED THE EXPLOSION WAS ENTIRELY ACCIDENTAL BUT THE FMLN DISPUTED THAT, AND CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTION.
--ON 2/25 A LARGE GROUP OF ARMED MEN ENTERED THE TOWN OF TONACATEPEQUE, ASSASSINATED THREE SCHOOL TEACHERS, THEIR WIVES AND A TOWN OFFICIAL AND THEN SHOT THEM ALL BEFORE THEIR CHILDREN.
--ON 2/26 GUERRILLAS USED BUSES AS ROADBLOCKS FROM THE ENTRANCE INTO APOPA (SAN SALVADOR)
--ON 2/26 A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED NEAR ZACATECOLUCA (LA PAZ).
--ON 2/26 HEAVY FIGHTING TOOK PLACE NEAR SAN MIGUEL WHEN GUERRILLAS ATTACKED MILITARY INSTALLATIONS THERE. THE GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY RETREATED TOWARD THE CONCHAGUA VOLCANO.
--ON 2/27 AT LEAST FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE MINISTRY OF LABOR IN SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 2/27 A BOMB EXPLOSION DAMAGED A SAN SALVADOR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.
--ON 2/27 A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSHED BY GUERRILLAS NEAR IPCOLUCA (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 2/27 GUERRILLAS INTERRUPTED THE FLOW OF WATER INTO TEJUTLA (CHALATENANGO).
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 6
1. SUMMARY: THIS EMBASSY WAS THE SCENE OF A SMALL PORTION OF THIS WEEK'S VIOLENCE. ON 2 & 3 PASSENGERS IN A SMALL TRUCK FIRED AT THE CHANCERY. OTHERWISE THE PATTERN OF VIOLENCE REMAINED SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS WEEK'S. IN GENERAL TERMS THE FOUR EASTERN DEPARTMENTS (CHALATENANGO, SONSONATE, SANTA ANA, AND LA LIBERTAD) REMAIN RELATIVELY MORE SECURE THAN THE OTHER TEN. THE MOST SERIOUS FIGHTING WAS, APPARENTLY, IN THE SAME AREAS AS LAST WEEK: IN THE MOUNTAINS OF THE COUNTRY IN AND AROUND SAN LORENZO, SAN VICENTE, AND IN THE EAST AROUND -BUT NOT IN- CONCHAGUA VOLCANO. END SUMMARY.
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2. DEATHS: WE ARE ABLE TO CONFIRM THE DEATHS OF 127 PEOPLE DURING THE PERIOD COVERED. AT LEAST 20 OF THESE WERE VICTIMS OF LEFTIST GUERRILLAS. MILITARY REPORTS CLAIMED THAT AN ADDITIONAL 300 PEOPLE -MAINLY GUERRILLAS - WERE KILLED, FOR THE MOST PART IN FIGHTING ON THE SLOPES OF CONCHAGUA VOLCANO AND IN SAN LORENZO SAN VICENTE). THESE REPORTS -PARTICULARLY THE REPORT OF 300 DEAD AROUND CONCHAGUA- ARE EXAGGERATED. FIFTY WOULD BE CLOSER.)
3. ---- INDICATE THAT ON 2 & 3 THERE WAS MORE FIGHTING IN THE TOWNS OF SAN LORENZO AND SANTO DOMINGO. MILITARY SOURCES CLAIMED THAT 60 GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED AND A CAMP HOSPITAL DISMANTLED.
--ON 2/28 ONE OR TWO SOLDIERS WERE KILLED NEAR SANTA ANA WHEN GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THEIR CONVOY.
--ON 2/28 GUERRILLAS STOPPED A TRAIN NEAR CANTON SAN DIEGO SAN
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VICENTE) AND ROBBED ITS CONTENTS.
--ON 3/1 A TRUCK CARRYING WATER TO SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN) WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS; THE DRIVER OF THE TRUCK WAS KILLED IN THE INCIDENT.
--ON OR ABOUT 3 1 AGROUP CLAIMING TO BE THE FPL SET FIRE TO AN ESSO GASOLINE STATION NEAR SONSONATE.
--ON 3/2 TRUCKS CARRYING CUSTOMS POLICE WAS ATTACKED IN SAN SALVADOR. TWO BYSTANDERS WERE INJURED.
--ON 3/2 THE TOWN OF SAN VICENTE WAS ATTACKED BY A GUERRILLA GROUP WHICH, HOWEVER, WAS REPELLED BY MILITARY ELEMENTS IN THE TOWN.
--ON 3/3 A SANSALVADOR CHEVRON GASOLINE STATION WAS BURNED BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON 3/3 AN ATTACK AGAINST THE AIRFORCE GARRISON IN ILOPANGO (SAN SALVADOR) REPORTEDLY LEFT FOUR PEOPLE DEAD.
--ON 3/3 THE CONSTABULARY AND THE HOUSES OF SEVERAL MILITIA

MEMBERS IN CINQUERA (CABANAS) WERE ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON 3/4 A REPORTEDLY LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLAS (POSSIBLY AS MANY AS 1200) ATTACKED TROOPS EN ROUTE TO RELIEVE MEANGUERA (MORAZAN). NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES WERE MADE AVAILABLE.
--ON 3/4 GUERRILLAS ARRIVED IN ARCATAO (CHALATENANGO) AND KILLED THREE MEMBERS OF THE TOWN MILITIA.
--ON 3/4 TROOPS BATTLED GUERRILLAS ON THE SLOPES OF THE SUAZARA VOICANO NORTH OF SAN SALVADOR; THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES BUT MILITARY SOURCES CLAIMED THAT AN ARMS CACHE WAS SEIZED.
--ON 3/4 A MILITARY PATROL RETURNING FROM AN OPERATING IN SAN VICENTE WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS NEAR ZACATECOLUCA.
--ON 3/4 THE U.S. EMBASSY WAS THE RECIPIENT OF SEVERAL SHOTS FROM A PASSING VEHICLE.
--ON 3/4 GUERRILLAS DESTROYED THE ACCESS BRIDGE TO CHALATENANGO.
--ON 3/4 THE NATIONAL POLICE POST IN SANTA ANA WAS MACHINE-GUNNED.
--ON 3/4 GUERRILLAS FIRED AT THE MILITARY POST IN SUICE NOMBRE DE MARIA (CHALATENANGO)
--ON 3/5 THREE MEMBERS OF THE MILITIA IN JUTIAPA (CABANAS WERE KILLED WHEN GUERRILLAS ATTEMPTED TO TAKE THE TOWN.
--ON 3/5 GUERRILLAS KILLED THE MILITIA COMMANDER IN CASERIO EL CIPRESAL (SANTA ANA)
--ON 3/6 PUBLISHED REPORTS INDICATED THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF GUERRILLAS HAD TAKEN THE TOWN OF SAN ILDEFONSO (SAN VICENTE) AND WERE EXECUTING ANYONE WHO HAD COOPERATED IN THE MILITARY'S EFFORTS TO REMOVE THEM. THE GUERRILLAS-THE PREVIOUS WEEK.
--ON 3/6 YET ANOTHER SAN SALVADOR BANK WAS BOMBED.
--ON 3/6 GUERRILLAS BLEW UP THE HOUSE OF A LOCAL OFFICIAL IN SUICE NOMBRE DE MARIA AND DESTROYED A BRIDGE NEAR CONCEPCION QUETZALTEPEQUE POSE IN CHALATENANGO.

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--ON OR ABOUT 3/6 A RAID ON A SAN SALVADOR HOUSE REPORTEDLY
YIELDED A LARGE QUANTITY OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS.
--ON 3/6 NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT MANY RESIDENTS OF THE HAMLETS
NEAR APASTEPEQUE (SAN VICENTE) WERE FLEEING THEIR HOMES FOR FEAR
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OF THE GUERRILLAS.
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE UPDATE IN REVIEW: MARCH 7-13

1. SUMMARY. SALVADORAN VIOLENCE CONTINUES TO FOLLOW ITS POST-FINAL OFFENSIVE FORM. GUERRILLAS CONTINUE TO HARRY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE UNCONVINCED CITIZENRY--A LARGE MAJORITY. FOR ITS PART, THE GOVERNMENT INITIATES SWEEPS OF AREAS WHERE GUERRILLAS ARE ACTIVE; WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT EFFECTIVENESS TERMS HAVE BEEN--THEY HAVE NOT YET PROVEN DECISIVE. FIFTY SAN VICENTE, THAT DEPARTMENT HAS HAD AN UNFAIR SHARE OF VIOLENCE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. IN THE NORTH ESPECIALLY, SOME SUBSTANTIAL, FULL SCALE BATTLES HAVE RAGED. BUT CREDIBLE CASUALTY FIGURES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. DEATHS: THERE WERE AT LEAST 186 VICTIMS OF THE

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SALVADORAN VIOLENCE DURING THE PERIOD COVERED. ERROR GUERRILLAS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FOUR OF THOSE CASUALTIES. AT LEAST SEVENTEEN OF THE VICTIMS-MAINLY CLEAR VIOLATORS - WERE KILLED BY THE MILITARY. THE BALANCE WAS MADE UP MOSTLY OF PEOPLE FOUND, AS USUAL, SIMPLY "VICTIMS OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS."

3. INCIDENTS:

-- ON 3/7 THE U.S. EMBASSY WAS STRAFED BY GUNFIRE FROM A PASSING CAR.

-- ON 3/7 A GUERRILLA ATTACK AGAINST A GROUP OF NATIONAL GUARD (GN) TROOPS NEAR CANTON EL ALTO (SANTA ANA) LEFT TWO TROOPS AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS DEAD.

--ON 3/7 NEWSPAPERS NOTED THE INITIATION OF A MILITARY SWEEP OF THE AREA AROUND CERRO TECOMATEPE, SUCHITOTO

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(CUSCATLAN).
--ON OR ABOUT 3/7 ONE GUERRILLA WAS REPORTED KILLED WHEN A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED NEAR PUENTE APANTE (PA PAT)
-- ON OR ABOUT 3/7 SEVEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN THE TRUCK THEY WERE RIDING IN WAS MACHINEGUNNED BY GUERRILLAS ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SAN MARTIN (SAN SALVADOR) AND SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN).
--ON 3/8 GUERRILLA COMMANDOS ATTACKED ARCATAO (CHALATENANGO .
--ON OR ABOUT 3/8 FOURTEEN MULES LADEN WITH PACK GEAR WERE SEIZED NEAR SOCIEDAD (MORAZAN).
--ON OR ABOUT 3/8 GUERRILLAS WRECKED THE WATER WORKS IN TEJUTLA (CHALATENANGO).
--ON OR ABOUT 3/8 A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED NEAR TECOLUCA (SAN VICENTE).
--ON OR ABOUT 3/8 A GUERRILLA CAMP WAS OVERRUN BY TROOPS NEAR CANTON TRES CEIBAS, GUAZAPA (SAN SALVADOR).
-- ON 3/9 ULPAN GUERRILLAS SET FIRE TO A CARTON FACTORY IN ILOPANGO (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON 3/9 A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE HOME OF JRG MEMBER MORALES

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ERLICH'S FATHER-IN-LAW.
--ON 3/9 A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSHED NEAR GUAZAPA (SAN SALVADOR).
-- ON 3/10 GUERRILLAS TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED ARCATAO AND LAS VUELTAS (CHALATENANGO).
--ON 3/10 NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THE BEGINNING OF A MILITARY SWEEP OF MORAZAN.
--ON 3/11 A MILITARY PATROL IN THE MIRALVALLE SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS EMPLOYING GRENADES AND ARMS FIRE.
--ON 3/11 A BOMB EXPLODED AT A SAN SALVADOR BANK.
-- ON 3/11 GUERRILLAS SET FIRE TO SEVERAL BUSINESSES IN SANTA TECLA (SAN SALVADOR).
-- ON 3/11 A GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT IN EL ALMENDRITO (CHALATENANGO) (REPORTED TO BE THE FPL HIGH COMMAND) WAS DISMANTLED BY TROOPS WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE KILLED ALL OF THE ENCAMPMENT RESIDENTS.
--ON OR ABOUT 3/11 FIVE GUERRILLAS AND ONE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN WERE REPORTED KILLED DURING AN ENGAGEMENT NEAR SAN NICOLAS LEMPA (USULUTAN).
-- ON OR ABOUT 3/11 A REPORTEDLY LARGE NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS ATTACKED CANTON EL PARAISO (SAN VICENTE).
--ON OR ABOUT 3/11 A RAID ON TWO HOUSES IN CIUDAD DELGADO (SAN SALVADOR) RESULTED IN THE CAPTURE OF A QUANTITY OF WEAPONS.
-- ON 3/12 A TRAIN WAS DERAILED AND SET AFIRE BY GUERRILLAS NEAR PUENTE NEGRO (SAN VICENTE).
-- ON 3/12 TWO ELECTRIC TOWERS WERE DESTROYED BY GUERRILLAS NEAR APOPA (SAN SALVADOR).

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-- ON 3/12 A BATTLE REPORTED BETWEEN TROOPS AND GUERRILLAS NEAR CANTON EL JICARO (CHALATENANGO) WHEN THE TROOPS FOUND THE GUERRILLAS IN THE PROCESS OF ASSASSINATING FOUR PEOPLE.
-- ON 3/13 A TRUCK TRANSPORTING CIVILIANS BUT ESCORTED BY TROOPS WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS NEAR CIUDAD BARRIOS (SAN MIGUEL); FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND AT LEAST NINE INJURED.
--ON 3/13 THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
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IN CHALATENANGO WAS ASSASSINATED.
--ON 3/13 THE TREASURY POLICE (PH) AND NATIONAL POLICE (PN) STATIONS IN SAN MIGUEL WERE ATTACKED FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES; THREE PASSERSBY WERE KILLED.
-- ON 3/13 ONE MAN WAS KILLED WHEN A TRUCK TRANSPORTING SUGAR WAS ATTACKED NEAR SAN ANTONIO AGUACHILOCO (SAN VICENTE).
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW, MARCH 14-20

1. SUMMARY: PERHAPS IF AN AS YET UNDETERMINED POLITICAL PERSUASION FIRST AT THIS EMBASSY ON MARCH 17, THE TRUE TIME THAT HAS HAPPENED IN THREE WEEKS. ACROSS THE COUNTRY THERE HAS A FAIRLY STANDARD AMOUNT OF PILFERAGE AND RAPINE, HOWEVER THE DEATH TOLL FOR THE PAST WEEK WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THOSE OF PREVIOUS WEEKS, 182, WITHOUT COUNTING THE WEEK CASUALTIES IN MORAZAN AND CHALATENANGO FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO RELIABLE DATA AND SUMMARY.

2. DEATHS: AT LEAST 182 PEOPLE DIED BY VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE PERIOD COVERED. FULLY 128 OF THESE WERE KILLED IN FOUR DEPARTMENTS CONTAINING THE THREE LARGEST CITIES, SAN

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SALVADOR (69 VICTIMS), SANTA ANA (37), AND SAN MIGUEL (23).

3. INCIDENTS:

--ON 3/4 A MILITARY CONVOY WAS ATTACKED EN ROUTE TO HELIPOLI TROOPS NEAR CANTON AGUACAYO, SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLA); TWO SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AND THREE INJURED.

--ON 3/14 AN INTENSE FIREFIGHT BROKE OUT IN THE TOWN OF SAN VICENTE, TWO NATIONAL POLICE AGENTS WERE KIDNAPPED DURING THE INCIDENT.

--ON 3/15 THREE ELECTRICAL TOWERS WERE DESTROYED BETWEEN SAN MARTIN AND TONACATEPEQUE (SAN SALVADOR).

--ON 3/15 APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN REPORTED ERP MEMBERS WERE ENGAGED IN ROBBING BUS DRIVERS AND BUS PASSENGERS NEAR SOYAPANGO (SAN SALVADOR).

--THERE WERE REPORTS ON 3/15 THAT MAJOR ENGAGEMENTS WERE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN TROOPS AND GUERRILLAS NEAR VILLA VICTORIA CABANAS.

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--ON OR ABOUT 3/15 FMLN MEMBERS REPORTEDLY TOOK OVER THE ANA GUERRA DE JESUS NEIGHBORHOOD IN SAN VICENTE AND HELD A MEETING DURING WHICH THEY WARNED RESIDENTS THAT THEY WOULD BE EXECUTED IF THEY DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN A TAKEOVER OF SAN VICENTE PLANNED FOR THE END OF THE MONTH.
-- ON 3/16 TERRORIST ATTEMPTED TO SET FIRE TO THE IZALCO TEXTILE FACTORY IN AYUTUXTEPEQUE (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON 3/16 ELECTRICAL TOWERS NEAR CANTON MONTEPE, SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN) WERE DYNAMITED.
--ON 3/17 A BRIDGE WAS DESTROYED NEAR SANTIAGO NONUALCO (LA PAZ).
--ON 3/17 GUERRILLAS MACHINEGUNNED A SMALL TRUCK NEAR TECAPAN (USULUTAN), KILLING THE DRIVER.
--ON 3/17 UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN FIRED AT THE U.S. EMBASSY; THERE WERE NO INJURIES.
--ON 3/17 A SAN SALVADOR OFFICE OF CARSS (THE STREET LIGHT SUPPLIERS) WAS MACHINEGUNNED BY UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANTS.
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--ON 3/18 DE CHALATENANGO NATIONAL GUARD (GN) POST WAS ATTACKED FOR OVER TWENTY MINUTES.
--ON 3/18 GUERRIL
LAS REPORTEDLY ENGAGED IN HARASSMENT OF THE
POPULATION OF NOMBRE DE JESUS (CHALATENANGO).
--ON 3/18 GUERRILLAS USE ROAD GRADING EQUIPM
NEAR
COLONIA METROPOLIS (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON 3/18 THE CIUDAD DELGADO (SAN SALVADOR) BRANCH OF THE
POPULAR CREDIT BANK WAS PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY A BOMB.
--ON 3/18 A ZACATECOLUCA FIRE ENGINE EN ROUTE TO FIGHT A FIRE WAS MACHINE GUNNED BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON 3/19 A GUERRILLA GROUP WAS FRUSTRATED IN ITS ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE A CEL (THE ELECTRIC COMPANY) SUBSTATION IN LAS ISLETAS (LA PAZ).
--ON 3/19 GUERRILLAS PLACED A BOMB IN THE ELECTICAL GENERATING STATION OF ACAHUAPA (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 3/19 A BUILDING IN THE DOWNTOWN OF THE TOWN OF SAN VICENTE WAS DESTROYED BY A POWERFUL BOMB.
--ON OR ABOUT 3/19 A MILITARY PATROL ESCORTING A COTTON SHIPMENT WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS NEAR CANTON EL MAPIO, -, .-4:0 /3.2- (USULUTAN).
--ON 3/20 THE BRIDGE OF A MILITARY ROUTE WHICH SPANNED THE RIO SUCIO (GRAZAN) WAS DYNAMITED.
--ON 3/20 A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK IN SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 3/22 TWO BOMBS EXPLODED NEAR THE CIFTA GARRISON IN SAN SALVADOR.
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1. THIS WEEK A MID-LEVEL (MARCH 24) GUERRILLA TRUCE IN MEMORY OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO WAS PRECEDED AND FOLLOWED BY BRASH ACTS OF URBAN TERRORISM MARKED BY A HIGH FAILURE RATE. DUO WAS SET WITH ANOTHER TRIAL TO KILL THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR (3/21), KIDNAPP THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER (3/23), DELIVER A BOMB IN A AUTOMOBILE (IT WENT OFF, KILLING THE CAR'S OCCUPANTS 3/26), OR (ACCORDING TO ONE ANALYSIS) SET OFF A CAR BOMB AT THE RIGHT MOMENT (3/27 TO BLOW UP PRESIDENT DUARTE. EVEN THOSE WHO BOOBYTRAP THE NICARAGUAN AND U.S. EMBASSIES (3/23 AND 3/25 RESPECTIVELY ARE ONLY PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL. THE INTENT IN BOTH CASES WAS PROBABLY TO DO MORE THAN MATERIAL DAMAGE FORTUNATELY IN BOTH INSTANCES ONLY WALLS, WINDOWS AND CONFERENCE ROOMS WERE AFFECTED. ALL IN ALL

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THE WEEK COULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT DEAL WORSE. END SUMMARY.

2. DEATHS. AT LEAST 100 PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING THE SEVEN DAY PERIOD COVERED, EXCLUSIVELY OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN WAR ZONES--AN ESTIMATED 200 ALTHOUGH THESE FIGURES ARE NOT RELIABLE ONLY AN INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THESE KILLINGS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER. MOST OF THE VICTIMS WERE OF THE ANONYMOUS RENTAL TYPE TO WHICH READERS OF THIS COLUMN HAVE PROBABLY BY NOW BECOME ACCUSTOMED.

3. ON 3/21 A BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER MOROBATA IN USULUTAN WAS BY SABOTAGED AND DESTROYED.

--ON 3/21 ONE OR TWO EXPLOSIVE INSTRUMENTS WERE FIRED AT THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR'S VEHICLE BY ASSAILANTS RIDING IN A RED JAPANESE PICK-UP TRUCK. ONE OF THE WEAPONS FAILED TO EXPLODE AND THE OTHER MISSED ITS TARGETS AND STRUCK A SECOND VEHICLE.

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INJURING A FATHER AND DAUGHTER KILLING IN IT. (WE ARE TOLD THAT THE MINISTER BELIEVES THE WEAPON USED WAS A "G-3 GRENADE" AND NOT THE CHINESE ROCKET REPORTED IN THE PRESS.)
--ON 3/21 A REPORTED SIX-HOUR ENCOUNTER OCCURRED BETWEEN GUERRILLAS ATTEMPTING TO SABOTAGE A RAILWAY AND SUGAR MILL IN CANTON SAN DIEGO (SAN VICENTE) AND MILITARY ELEMENTS SEEKING TO PREVENT THEM FROM DOING SO.
--ON 3/22 AN APPARENTLY POWERFUL BOMB WAS SUCCESSFULLY DEACTIVATED IN A SAN SALVADOR SHOPPING CENTER.
--ON 3/22 A MACHINEGUN ATTACK AGAINST TWO NATIONAL GUARDS MEN POSTED AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE LEFT THE TWO TARGETS UNINJURED BUT RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF TWO PASSERSBY
--ON 3/23 THREE BOMBS EXPLODED IN AS MANY SANTA ANA STORES.
--ON 3/23 GUERRILLAS DRESSED IN OLIVE DRAB WERE ENGAGED IN STOPPING BUSES NEAR SAN LORENZO AND SAN ESTEBAN CATARINA (SAN VICENTE). THEY EXACTED "VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS" FROM THE PASSENGERS AND KIDNAPPED A HAPPLESS NATIONAL GUARDSMAN WHO WAS ON BOARD ONE BUS.
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--ON 3/23 THE NICARAGUAN EMBASSY WAS ATTACKED ON THE BOAT WITH A RPG AND RIFLE FIRE.
--ON 3/23 THE DAUGTER OF JRG PRESIDENT DUARTE WAS REPORTEDLY CHASED BY ASSAILANTS IN A RED JAPANESE LIGHT TRUCK; THESE LAST FLED WHEN THE INTENDED VICTIM CRASHED HER CAR INTO THAT OF AN UNINVOLVED THIRD PARTY.
--ENTE A SAVINGS BANK IN CHALCHUAPA (SANTA ANA) WASTHE VICTIM OF A BOMB ATTACK.
--ON OR ABOUT 3 23 GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY OCCUPIED TOLCAJUTA (MORAZAN) FOR ONE HOUR. THE HOUR WAS SPENT SETTING FIRE TO THE TOWN HALL, THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND TEL ANTEL INSTALLATIONS.
-- ON OR ABOUT 3 24 AN ATTEMPT TO LAND WEAPONS BETWEEN THE ZUNGANERA AND EL PIMENTAL BEACHES (LA PAZ) WAS REPORTEDLY FRUSTRATED BY NAVAL PERSONNEL AND MILITIA MEMBERS.
--ON 3/25 THE U.S. EMBASSY WAS THE OBJECT OF AN ATTACK INVOLVING RIFLE AND MACHINEGUN FIRE FROM AT LEAST TWO POINTS AND THE DISCHARGE OF AN RPG WHICH SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED THE EMBASSY'S RECENTLY RESTORED CONFERENCE ROOM.
--ON 3/25 SIX PEOPLE WERE INJURED WHEN BOMB EXPLODED IN A SANTA ANA ROLLER SKATING RINK.
--ON 3/25 A TRAIN ENGINEER WAS ABLE TO AVOID DERAILMENT OF HIS TRAIN DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF GUERRILLAS TO PROVOKE SUCH AN ACCIDENT NEAR CANTON LA JOYA (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 3/25 GUERRILLA ATTACKED A GROUP OF HARVESTING PEASANTS NEAR CANTON COYOLITO (CUSCATLAN); ONE SOLDIER DEFENDING THE PEASANTS WAS INJURED.
ON 3/25 THREE GUERRILLAS WERE REPORTED KILLED WHEN THEY AND OTHERS ATTACKED A CIVIL DEFENSE PATROL IN SAN MARCOS (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON 3/25 GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY ATTACKED TROOPS NEAR SANTA ANA

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TECOLUCA (SAN VICENTE) WITH BAZOOKAS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.
THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES FIGURES GIVEN.
--ON 3/26 A CAR CONTAINING BOMBS AND ARMS IN ADDITION TO THREE
PEOPLE EXPLODED ON A SAN SALVADOR STREET, KILLING THE THREE
PLUS A FOURTH MAN WHO WAS RIDING PAST A MOTORCYCLE.
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--ON 3/26 TWO BOMBS EXPLODED IN A HIGHWAY TUNNEL THAT LIES
UNDERNEATH THE ILOPANGO AIRPORT RUNWAY.
--ON 3/26 A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSH NEAR CANTON SANTA ROSA,
NUEVA CONCEPCION (CHALATENANGO) THREE MILITIA MEMBERS WERE KILLED
AND ONE SOLDIER INJURED.
--ON 3/27 A POWERFUL CAR BOMB EXPLODED IN THE SAN BENITO SECTION
OF SAN SALVADOR KILLING TWO WOMEN WHO WERE WAITING FOR A BUS
AND INJURING SEVERAL OTHERS. THERE WAS SPECULATIONS IN THE PRESS
THAT THE BOMB WAS INTENDED TO KILL JRG PRESIDENT DUARTE.
--ON 3/27 A BRIDGE ON THE ROAD TO SAN AGUSTIN (USULUTAN) WAS
DESTROYED.
--ON 3/27 STIFF COMBAT REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE NEAR CANTON
GUALACHE (USULUTAN) WHEN ABOUT SIXTY GUERRILLAS AMBUSHED A MI-
LITARY CONVOY.
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: APRIL 4-12
1. SUMMARY: VIOLENCE WEEK CONTINUES AT A BRISK PACE IN EL SALVADOR. THIS WEEK (JUST AS PREVIOUS WEEKS) WAS A GRAB-BAG OF BUS DRIVER KILLINGS; BRIDGE DESTRUCTIONS; EXPLOSIONS AT STORES, BANKS AND SUPREME COURT JUSTICE'S RESIDENCE; AND HIGHWAY ROBBERY. ALL OF IT WAS MORE OF THE SAME SORT OF ACTIVITY THAT HAS SHORN POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE LEFT TO A GROUP OF HARD CORE TERRORIST. BUT HOLY THIS WEEK WAS NOT LIMITED TO THE LEFT--23 BODIES LITTERED THE STREET OF A POOR SAN SALVADOR SUBURB AFTER A CALL ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD BY THE TREASURY POLICE (PH) THE PH DID ITSELF NO GOOD BY SUBSEQUENTLY GOING PUBLIC WHAT APPEARED WITH AN INANE AND MENDACIOUS EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT. END SUMMARY.
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2. DEATHS: THERE WERE A MINIMUM OF 116 VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THIS COUNTRY DURING THE SEVEN DAY PERIOD COVERED. SALVADORAN SECURITY FORCES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR AT LEAST 30 OF THOSE DEATHS (SOME 26 APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PH VICTIMS). THESE FIGURES (FOR THE MOST PART) EXCLUDE COUNTRYSIDE BATTLEFIELD CASUALTIES.
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON 4/4 ABOUT 50 ARMED PEOPLE REPORTEDLY TOOK OVER THE SANTA LUCIA NEIGHBORHOOD IN ILOPANGO (SAN SALVADOR) AND FROM THERE ATTACKED THE AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS. THE ATTACK WAS REPULSED BUT THE GUERRILLAS ESCAPED.
--ON 4/4 THE SALVADOR OFFICES OF QUINONEZ HNOS. WERE BOMBED.
--ON 4/4 ARMED MEN ROBBED THE DRIVER OF A BUS TRAVELING NEAR SANTO DOMINGO (SAN VICENTE) AND THEN KILLED HIM.
--ON 4/4 GUERRILLAS ATTACKED CANTON EL JICARO AND LAS VUELTAS

(CHALATENANGO)
--ON 4/5 THE GARRISON IN SANTA ANA WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS WHO REPORTEDLY USED BAZOOKAS, GRENADES AND MACHINE GUNS.
--ON 4/5 A MILITARY ROADBLOCK NEAR TECOLUCA (SAN VICENTE) WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS, TWO OF WHOM WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED.
-- ON 4/6 A BUS WAS BURNED IN MEJICANOS (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON 4/6 THE NOTOCHICO BRIDGE NEAR CONCEPCION QUEZALTEPEQUE (CHALATENANGO) WAS DESTROYED LEAVING SEVERAL AREAS ISOLATED.
--ON 4/6 GUERRILLAS BUSIED THEMSELVES CROSSING BUSES ALONG THE HIGHWAY LEADING NORTH FROM SAN SALVADOR, SHOOTING OUT THEIR TIRES AND FORCING THE PASSENGERS OFF.
--ON 4/6 A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE HOME OF A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, RAFAEL ROBIGUEZ.
ON 4/6 A SAN SALVADOR BRANCH OFFICE OF AHORROMET (A SAVINGS BANK) WAS ROBBED BY GUNMEN.
--ON OR ABOUT 4 6 A WEAPONS CACHE WAS DISCOVERED BY MILITARY ELEMENTS ON TIERRA LINDA FINCA LOCATED ON THE SLOPES OF SAN SALVADOR

VOLCANO.
--ON 4/6 SECURITY FORCES MEMBERS ENGAGED A PAIR OF GUNMAN NEAR THE U.S. EMBASSY; THE GUNMEN FLED, ON OF THEM INJURED.
--ON 4/7 AT LEAST 23 BODIES AND POSSIBLY 26 WERE LEFT LYING IN A STREET IN THE SOYAPANGO SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR AFTER MEMBERS OF THE TREASURY POLICE (PH) VISITED THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
--ON 4/7 GUERRILLAS STOPPING VEHICLES NEAR TECOLUCA (SAN VICENTE) FIRED AT ONE WHICH FAILED TO STOP INJURING THE TWO OCCUPANTS.
--ON OR ABOUT 4/7 THE GOES MILITARY ENGAGED GUERRILLAS WHO WERE OCCUPIED BY ROBBING PASSING MOTORIST NEAR BERLIN AND MERCEDES UMANA (USULUTAN)
--ON 4/8 A TRUCK BELONGING TO CAESS (THE STREET LIGHTING PURVEYORS) WAS BURNED IN THE MEJICANOS SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 4/8 GUERRILLAS KILLED HER OWNER AND INJURED THE DRIVER OF A FUEL TANKER TRUCK NEAR LA RIENA (CHALATENANGO)
--ON 4/9 TWO BOMBS PLACED BY A BRIDGE ON THE HIGHWAY LEADING NORTH FROM SAN SALVADOR WERE DEACTIVATED.
--ON 4/9 A GROUP OF ABOUT 15 GUERRILLAS ENGAGED IN HANDING OUT PROPAGANDA AND SITTING UP ROADBLOCKS WAS FORCED TO FLEE BY ELEMENTS OF THE SALVADORAN ARMY.
--ON 4/10 GOES TROOPS DISMANTLED A GUERRILLA CAMP NEAR CANTON EL ROBLAR, SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN).
--ON OR ABOUT 4/10 NATIONAL POLICE BOMB DISPOSERS DISPOSED OF SEVERAL BOMBS BURIED IN THE ROAD BETWEEN SANTA ANA Y SONSONATE
--ON OR ABOUT 4/12 A GUERRILLA HIDE OUT WITH BOMBS MAKING CAPABILITIES WAS LOCATED IN CANTON MILINGO, SUCHITOTO.
ON 4/11 CLAIMS BY THE GOES MILITARY WERE PUBLISHED WHIC INDICATE THAT:
A) 800 GUERRILLAS HAD BEEN DETECTED IN AND AROUND ARAMBALA, PERQUIN AND CERRO MATUTE (MORAZAN);
B) GUERRILLA HAVE PERSISTED IN HARRASING THE RESIDENTS OF SAN

PARQUE PERULAPAN (SAN SALVADOR).
C) THE MILITARY OPERATIONS AROUND GUAZAPA VOLCANO HAVE
UNCOVERED (AGAIN) UNDERGROUND HIDEOUTS AND PASSAGES, STORES AND
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1. SUMMARY: THIS WAS IN THEORY TO BE A HOLY WEEK IN SAN SALVADOR. THERE WAS IN FACT SOME EVIDENCE OF SUCH A PHENOMENON. THERE WERE, FOR INSTANCE, RELIGIOUS PROCESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. CROWDS FILLED CATHEDRALS AND UNPRECEDENTED NUMBERS WENT TO CONFESSION PRIORS. AND, THANKFULLY, THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE WAS LOWER--SOMEWHAT. IT WAS NOT A BAD WEEK IN EL SALVADOR. BUT THOSE INTENT ON DISTURBING THE PEACE OF THIS COUNTRY WERE NOT ALL VACATIONING. TERRORIST PICKED OFF THE WEEK BY BLOWING UP A SAN SALVADOR MOVIE HOUSE. GUERRILLAS STILL PROVOKED, THE MILITARY RESPONDED, AND THOSE ENGAGED IN SURREPTITICUS FRUITAL KILLING STILL PLIED THEIR TRADE. END SUMMARY.

2. DEATHS: AT LEAST 84 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THIS COUNTRY THIS WEEK

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IN POSSIBLY POLITICALLY RELATED CRIMES. (DROWNINGS, BUS DISASTERS, AND CASUALTIES OF OVER-IMBIBING ARE CLEARLY NOT RELEVANT.) SAN MIGUEL WAS THE SCENE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF DEATHS. AMONG THE DEAD THERE WERE FIVE YOUTHS WHOSE HEADS WERE LEFT ON THE FENCE OF A LOCAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. ONE OF THE VICTIMS WAS 14 YEARS OLD. EVEN--OF ALL THINGS--THE SALVADORAN PRESS WAS DISTURBED BY THIS SICK BESTIALITY.

WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT A PORTION OF THE VIOLENT DEATHS THAT WE ASSUME ARE POLITICALLY RELATED (FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY) ARE, IN FACT, APOLITICAL CRIMES PROVOKED BY THE USUAL EMOTIONS--RAGE, PASSION, COVETOUS, ETC. WE SUSPECT THAT, GIVEN THE LEVEL OF REVELRY AND INTOXICATION THIS WEEK, THE PROPORTION OF THOSE APOLITICAL CRIMES THAT SLIP INTO OUR WEEKLY TALLY IS PROBABLY HIGHER THAN USUAL.

3. INCIDENTS:

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--ON 4/11 TWO PEOPLE WERE INJURED WHEN TERRORIST FLEW UP THE ASTOR THEATHER/ OWNED BY PLANNIMG MINISTER ATILIO VIEYTEZ JUST BEFORE A FILM WAS TO BE EXHIBITED. THE THEATRE IS IN MEJICANOS, A POOR SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 4/12 GUERRILLAS SET UP ROADBLOCKS ACROSS THE ROAD LEADING TO CINQUERA (CABANAS).
--ON 4/12 A CLASH BETWEEN TROOPS AND GUERRILLAS ON THE MACHU TIPE HACIENDA NEAR BERLIN (USULUTAN) REPORTEDLY LEFT FIVE GUERRILLAS DEAD.
--ON 4/12 A BOMB EXPLOSION DESTROYED A RAINFALL STORAGE FACILITY IN CANTON PLANC LARGO NEAR ILOPASCO (CABANAS).
--ON 4/12 GUERRILLAS TOOK CASERIO GUARNESIA NEAR TEXISTEPEQUE (SANTA ANA) AND SHOT ONE RESIDENT WHO REFUSED TO COOPERATE IN GIVING THEM FOOD AND FUNDS.
--ON 4/12 GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY ATTACKED A CIVIL DEFENSE PATROL IN CANTON EL CHILE, SAN JUAN NONUALCO (LA PAZ) AND KILLED FIVE
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PATROL MEMBERS.
--ON 4/12 GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY KILLED TWO MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE GROUP IN CANTON LA ESPERANZA (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 4/12 STILL MORE (TWO) CIVIL DEFENSE MEMBERS WERE KILLED, THIS TIME IN LAS VUELTAS (CHALATENANGO).
--ON 4/12 GUERRILLAS ATTEMPTED TO TAKE CANTON SANTA ROSA DE LA MONTANA, SENSUNTEPEQUE (CABANAS) PROVOKING A CLASH WITH THE ARRIVING RESCUING MILITARY WHO ENDED THE AFFAIR BY KILLING FOUR GUERRILLAS.
--ON 4/12 THERE WERE REPORTS OF CONTINUING GUERRILLA (FMLN) ACTIVITY IN MORAZAN, PARTICULARLY AROUND ARAMBAL.
--ON 4/12 THE TREASURY POLICE (PH) DISCOVERED AN ARMS CACHE HIDDEN IN A VEHICLE'S FALSE BOTTOM.
--ON OR ABOUT 4/13 THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN) POST AT CINQUERA WAS ATTACKED FOR A SHORT PERIOD.
--ON OR ABOUT 4/13 A FIREFIGHT ERUPTED INTERJUTEPEQUE (CABANAS WHEN GUERRILLAS ATTEMPTED TO TAKE THE TOWN.
--ON OR ABOUT 4/13 A GARAGE WAS DISCOVERED IN COLONIA CUCUMA-CAYO (SAN SALVADOR) WHICH WAS EQUIPPED TO MODIFY VEHICLES SO THAT THEY MIGHT SURREPTICIOUSLY TRANSPORT ARMS. THE ENTERPRISES REPORTEDLY BELONGED TO THE FPL.
--ON 4/14 A WATER MAIN SERVING SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN) WAS BLOWN UP BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON 4/15 GUERRILLAS ATTACKED WATER TRUCKS EN ROUTE TO SUCHITOTO; THE TRUCKS WERE DEFENDED BY TROOPS.
--ON 4/17 A STIFF (NUTRIO) FIREFIGHT TOOK PLACE IN THE VICINITY OF A RELIGIOUS PROCESSSING IN SAN VICENTE, A DISQUIETING OCCURRENCE THAT CONVINCED THE PROCESSIONED TO DROP EVERYTHING AND RUN FOR COVER.
--ON 4/17 THE VARIOUS ARMY AND SECURITY FORCE POST IN CHALATENANGO WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKED WITH HIGH POWERED WEAPONS. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

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1. SUMMARY: WE ESTIMATE THAT THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE PERIOD COVERED WAS HIGHER THAN THAT OF PREVIOUS WEEKS. MORE PEOPLE WERE KILLED--AT LEAST 143--AND THERE MORE VIOLENT INCIDENTS. AMONG THE PEOPLE KILLED WERE THE ALLEGED CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF LIBERATION (KILLED BY THE MILITARY ALONG WITH HIS MOTHER AND BROTHER); THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL LOTTERY (ASSASSINATED BY THE FPL) AND 13 SAN MIGUEL RESIDENTS, ALL IN MARIS, ALL SHOT AND ALL LEFT TOGETHER WITH A SIGN INSCRIBED BY THE SQUADRON OF DEATH, THE RIGHT'S PHANTOM KILLER ORGANIZATION. INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE WERE WIDESPREAD AND NUMEROUS TYPES; BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND MILITIA--WERE ALL WELL
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REPRESENTED. AT THE CLOSE OF THE WEEK (APRIL 30) THE GOES MILITARY BEGAN A LARGE OPERATION AGAINST GUERRILLAS IN NORTHERN MORAZAN
2. DEATHS: AT LEAST 143 PEOPLE WERE VICTIMS OF (APPARENTLY) POLITICAL VIOLENCE DURING THE SEVEN DAY PERIOD COVERED. THIS TOTAL DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY CASUALTIES FIGURES FOR THE MORAZAN OPERATION THAT BEGAN ON 4/30
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON 4/25 THE CONSTABULARY AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN CUSCATANCINGO (SAN SALVADOR) WERE ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS; THE ATTACKERS WERE REPELLED BY NATIONAL GUARD (G,) TROOPS.
--ON 4/25 TWO WATER TANKS IN THE ESCALON (HIGH-RENT) SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR WERE DESTROYED BY BOMB EXPLOSIONS. POLICE ARRESTED FOUR SUSPECTS AT THE SCENE.
--ON 4/25 A SAN SALVADOR BANK WAS DAMAGED BY A BOMB EXPLOSION.

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--ON 4/25 AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF GA TROOPS WERE KILLED WHEN THEY WERE ATTACKED NEAR TECOLUCA (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 4/25 GUERRILLAS BATTLED GA TROOPS AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE IN TEJUTEPEQUE (CABANAS) FOR OVER TWO HOURS BUT WERE UNABLE TO TAKE THE TOWN.
--ON 4/25 THE GA POST IS OSICALA (MORAZAN) WAS ATTACKED. NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS.
--ON 4/25 TWO MEMBERS OF A GROUP OF MUGGERS (REPORTEDLY GUERRILLAS) WERE KILLED BY NATIONAL POLICE MEMBERS IN THE MIRAVALLE SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 4/26 FMLN MEMBERS DYNAMITED A BRIDGE LINKING TEJUTLA AND LA PALMA (CHALATENANGO).
--ON 4/26 A TRUCK CONTAINING FOODSTUFF AND ARMS WAS SEIZED AT A GUERRILLA ENCAMPENT NEAR TEJUTLA (CHALATENANGO) BY GOES TROOPS.
--ON 4/26 GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE ARMY AND GN POST IN TEJUTLA

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AND LA PALMA CHALATENANGO BUT FLED INTO THE SURROUNDINGS HILLS AFTER A SHORT EXCHANGE OF FIRE.
--ON 4/26 LIGHT POSTS IN CORINTO (MORAZAN) WERE KILLED BY GUERRILLAS LEAVING THE TOWN IN THE DARK.
--ON 4/27 A BRIDGE NEAR CANTON CERRON GRANDE (CABANAS).
--ON 4/27 A REPORTEDLY VERY LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLAS (OVER 200) TOOK THE TOWN OF NUEVO EDEN DE SAN JUAN (SAN MIGUEL). DESTROYED THE ANTEL (TELEPHONE/TELEGRAPH) BUILDING AND OCCUPIED THE GN HEADQUARTERS.
--ON 4/27 A BOMB EXPLOSION DAMAGED THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING IN SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 4/27 AN EXPLOSION OUTSIDE OF A SAN SALVADOR THEATER WRECKED SEVERAL CARS, DAMAGED THE THEATER BUT CAUSED NO SERIOUS INJURIES.

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--ON OR ABOUT 4/27 GUERRILLAS ESTABLISHED A ROADBLOCK NEAR APOPA (SAN SALVADOR) AND ROBBED PASSERBY.
--ON OR ABOUT 4/27 GUERRILLAS BURNED EL BURRO AND EL VIGARO CASERIOS (HAMLETS) NEAR ZACATECOLUCA (LA PAZ).
--ON 4/28 POLICE GUARDING A SAN SALVADOR THEATER WERE ATTACKED BY GUNMEN. TWO ASSAILANTS AND ONE POLICE WERE INJURED.
--ON 4/28 THE CONSTABULARY IN SANTIAGO TEXACUANGOS (SAN SALVADOR) WAS FIRED ON BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON 4/28 GUERRILLAS WHO ATTEMPTED TO SET FIRE TO A SOFT DRINK TRUCK IN SAN SALVADOR WERE FORCED TO FLEE (POSSIBLY BY SOFT DRINK BANDITS).
--ON 4/28 APOPA WAS AGAIN THE VICTIM OF GUERRILLAS ATTACK; THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, THE CONSTABULARY, AND SEVERAL STORES WERE ATTACKED BY THE GUERRILLAS.
--ON 4/28 SAN ANTONIO LOS RANCHOS (CHALATENANGO) WAS TAKEN
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BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON OR ABOUT 4/28 GUERRILLAS INVADED CANTON POTRERO PATRES, SAN ISIDRO (CABANAS) KILLED THREE INHABITANTS AND INJURED THREE OTHERS.
--ON OR ABOUT 4/28 CIVIL DEFENSE COMITIVE MEMBERS IN CANTON EL CARAO, TICOLUCA (SAN VICENTE) CLASHED WITH GUERRILLAS BEFORE TO ENTER THE TOWN.
--ON 4/29 CHINAMECA (SAN MIGUEL) WAS THE OBJECT OF ATTACK BY HEAVILY ARMED GUERRILLAS. THESE WERE, HOWEVER, REPELLED.
--ON 4/29 A TREASURY POLICE (PF) POST GUARDING AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION IN SOYAPANGO (SAN SALVADOR) WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS. THE INTERPRETER FOR A U.S. JOURNALIST WHO DECIDED TO ENTER THE FRAY WAS KILLED; THE JOURNALIST AND A SALVADORAN COLLEAGUE WERE
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--ON 4/30 A SMALL BUSINESS IN SAN SALVADOR WAS BOMBED.
--ON OR ABOUT 4/30 A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSHED NEAR CANTON RIO BLANCO, ZACATECOLUCA (LA PAZ).
--ON OR ABOUT 4/30 ONE MEMBER OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE COMITEE IN CANTON EL CHILE, ZACATECOLUCA WAS KILLED BY A GROUP OF GUERRILLA ATTACKERS.
--ON 5/1 SEVEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND FOUR INJURED BY A TERRORIST BOMB EXPLOSION ONTHE ROAD LINKING CINQUERA (CUSCATLAN) AND SUCHITOTO (CABANAS). THE DEAD AND INJURED WERE PART OF A GROUP WHICH HAD REFUSED TO JOIN THE GUERRILLAS.
--ON 5/1 AN ARMY LIUTENENT WAS ACCOSTED, SHOT AND KILLED ON THE ROAD BETWEEN ACAJUTLA AND SONSONATE.
--ON 5/1 A BOMB EXPLODED IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN SAN SALVADOR.
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TAGS: ASEC, PINS, PINT, SHUM, ES
SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: MAY 2 - MAY 8
1. SUMMARY: FOR THE FIRST TIME IN (IT SEEMS) MONTHS ARCUACHAPAN MADE THE NEWS: ONE OF ITS RADIO STATIONS WAS TAKEN OVER BY GUERRILLAS WHO FORCED THE OPERATORS TO PLAY A FAVORITA (REVOLUTIONARY) CASSETTE. OTHERWISE THE WEEK WAS UNREMARKABLE. SAN SALVADOR ITSELF CONTINUES RELATIVELY TRANQUIL. ALTHOUGH AT LEAST TWO BOMBINGS, ONE A GRISLY AFFAIR THAT KILLED THE THREE BOMB TRANSPORTERS, DID DISTURB THE TOWN'S PEACE. NO SOYAPANGO STYLE MASS KILLINGS, HOWEVER; A FACT REFLECTED IN THE LOWER DEATH COUNTS, END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: AT LEAST 109 PEOPLE WERE KILLED THIS WEEK. PROBABLE
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VICTIMS WAS IN SAN SALVADOR DEPARTMENT 37, HIGH ON THE LIST (AS USUAL) WERE SANTA ANA DEPARTMENT, IN SECOND PLACE WITH 19, AND CABANAS WITH 13.
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON 5/3 GUERRILLAS ENTERED CASERIO LOS LLANITOS NEAR JUTIAPA (CABANAS) BUT WERE REPELLED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN).
--ON 5/3 GOES TROOPS TOOK OVER THE TOWN OF NUEVO EDEN DE SAN JUAN (SAN MIGUEL) FROM THE GUERRILLAS.
--ON 5/3 GUERRILLAS ATACKED THE CONSTABULARY IN CIUDAD ARCE (LA LIBERTAD)
--ON 5/3 GUERRILLAS ATACKED SAN LUIS DE LAS POSADAS HACIENDA NEAR ZACATECOLUCA (LA PAZ).
--ON OR ABOUT 5/3 TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A GROUP OF FARMWORKERS ON THE GUAJOYO HACIENDA IN SAN VICENTE.
--ON 5/4 GUERRILLAS ATTACKED LAS VUELTAS (CHALATENANGO).
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--ON 5/4 CIVIL DEFENSE COMITTEE MEMBERS IN COATEPEQUE(SANTA ANA
REPELLED AN ATTACK ON THE TOWN.
--ON 5/5 ELECTRICAL POSTS WERE TOPPLED NEAR TEPETITAN AND
VERAPAZ (SAN VICENTE).
--ON OR ABOUT 5/5 A CLASH OCURRED WERE NEAR SAN JUAN OPICO
(LA LIBERTAD) WHEN GOVERMENT FORCES DISCOVERED A GROUP OF
GUERRILLAS TRANSPORTING MUNITIONS.
--ON 5/6 A CEL (THE ELECTRICITY PURVEYORS) TOWER WAS DYNAMITED
NEAR CIUDAD DELGADO (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON 5/6 THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN A BOMB (WHICH THEY WERE
APPARENTLY TRANSPORTING) EXPLODED. THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED A FEW
BLOCKS FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY.
--ON 5/6 A BOMB EXPLOSION IN SAN SALVADOR RESULTED IN A FIRE-
FIGHT DURING WHICH THREE BUS PASSENGERS WERE INJURED.
--ON 5/6 A RADIO STATION IN AHUACHAPAN WAS TAKEN OVER BY LEFTSIST
WHO FORCED THE OPERATORS TO PLAY A FAVORITE CASSETE.
--ON OR ABOUT 5/6 TWO MEMBERS OF A GUERRILLA GROUP WERE KILLED
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WHEN THE GROUP ATTACKED CASERIO SAN MIGUELITO NEAR COATEPEQUE
(SANTA ANA).
--ON 5/7 GUERRILLAS ASSASSINATED TWO PEASANTS AND INJURED
THREE OTHERS IN CANTON EL PARAISO NEAR JIQUILISCO (USULUTAN).
--ON 5/7 THE SECURITY CORPS'S OFFICES IN TEJUTLA (CHALATENANGO)
WERE STRAFED.
--ON 5/7 A GN PATROL IN METAPAN (SANTA ANA) WAS ATTACKED; ONE
GUARDMEN WAS KILLED AND TWO WERE INJURED.
--ON 5/8 THE SAN SALVADOR OFFICES OF "LA CENTROAMERICANA," AN
INSURANCE COMPANY, WERE BOMBED.
--ON OR ABOUT 5/8 GOVERMENT FORCES OUSTED GUERRILLAS FROM THE SAN
LORENZO HACIENDA NEAR SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN).
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: MAY 9-15
1. SUMMARY. IN SAN SALVADOR THIS WEEK BOMBS RIPPED THROUGH SOMETHING
OLI (THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE TIMES AND DISCOTHEQUE PCM) AND SOMETHING
ELSE (ONE OF THE CAPITAL'S POPULAR ROLLERSKATING RINKS). ELSEWHERE
IN THE COUNTRY IT WAS, ONCE AGAIN, ONLY A MODERATELY DESTRUCTIVE
WEEK. SAN VICENTE CONTINUES AS A SORT OF HEARTLAND OF TROUBLES
(ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SURPRISINGLY FEW CASUALTIES REPORTS FROM
THAT BEFAGUERED DEPARTMENT). THE CASUALTIES CAPITAL IS STILL
THE CAPITAL, SAN SALVADOR. BUT SANTA ANA IS A DISTANT BUT CONSIS-
TENT SECOND.
2. DEATHS. THERE WERE AT LEAST 123 PROBABLY VICTIMS OF POLITICAL
VIOLENCE DURING THE PERIOD COVERED. THE MOST HAZARDOUS DEPART-
MENTS WERE SAN SALVADOR, SANTA ANA AND CABANAS WITH, RESPECTIVELY
69, 18 AND 18 VICTIMS. BEING A SOLDIER OR MILITIA MEMBER WAS
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HAZARDOUS 24 WERE KILLED.
THE GUCISIANS TOOK THEIR LOSSES AS WELL; FOUR MUSICAL BROTHERS
IN ALJAPA (SAN SALVADOR) WERE PULLED OUT OF THEIR HOUSE AND
DECAPITATED.
3. INCIDENTS.
--ON 5/9 A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS ATTACKED TROOPS POSTED AT THE
SANTA ANA CITY LIMITS ON THE ROSAL TO SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 5/9 SECURITY FORCES GUARDING A SANTA ANA WATER TANK WERE
AMBUSHED BY GUERRILLA ELEMENTS.
--ON 5/10 THE INHABITANTS OF CANTON SAN EMILIO NEAR TECOLUCA
(SAN VICENTE) EXPERIENCED A TAKEOVER OF THE TOWN BY FMLN GUERRILLAS
WHO STRESSED TO THE TOWNSPEOPLE THE IMPORTANCE OF JOINING THE
FMLN AND THEN LEFT WITH TWO MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE
COMITEE (INVOLUNTARY) IN TOW.

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--ON 5/10 GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE SECURITY FORCE CUSTODIANS OF THE BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER ACAHUAPA (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 5/10 THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE COUNTRY WAS TEMPORARILY INCOMUNICADO AFTER SEVERAL ANTEL TOWERS WERE DESTROYED.
--ON 5/10 THE TREASURY POLICE (PH) CUSTOMS POLICE (PA) AND ARMY GARRISON IN SANTA ANA WERE ATTACKED BY REBELS.
--ON OR ABOUT 5/10 AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A MILITARY PATROL NEAR CANTON MILINGO NEAR SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN).
--ON OR ABOUT 5/10 A CACHE PROPAGANDA, MEDICINES, AND CLYMORE MINES WAS DISCOVERED IN CANTON EL TABLON (LA LIBERTAD)
--ON OR ABOUT 5/11 NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED STORIES OF THE INITIATION OF THE ANOTHER EFFORT AGAINST GUERRILLAS IN AND AROUND THE GUAZAPA VOLCANO.
--ON OR ABOUT 5/11 GUERRILLAS ATTEMPTED ONCE AGAIN TO DESTROY THE BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER MOTOCHICO (CHALATENANGO) THE ARRIVAL OF CIVIL DEFENSE PATROL REPORTEDLY FRUSTRATED THE EFFORT.
--ON 5/12 THE SAN SALVADOR HEADQUARTERS OF THE ONCE OMNIPOTENT

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PCN (NATIONAL CONCILIATION PARTY) WERE DESTROYED BY A BOMB BLAST AND THE SUBSEQUENT FIRE.
--ON OR ABOUT 5/12 GUERRILLAS STOPPED A BUS NEAR SAN SEBASTIAN (SAN VICENTE) ROBBED THE PASSENGERS, AND KIDNAPPED ONE LALY BUS RIDER.
--ON OR ABOUT 5/12 GUERRILLAS WHO HAD MACHINEGUNNED A VEHICLE NEAR CANTON OLAYA, TEJUTEPEQUE (CABANAS) WERE THEMSELVES ATTACKED BY TROOPS.
--ON 5/13 NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED COMPLAINS OF THE PEOPLE OF APASTEPEQUE (SAN VICENTE) WHO CLAIMED THAT GUERRILLAS HARASS THEM AND ATTEMPT TO FORCE THEM NOT TO WORK.
--ON 5/13 GUERRILLAS AGAIN ATTACKED SEVERAL SANTA ANA GARRISON.
--ON 5/13 THREE NATIONAL GUARD (GN) MEMBERS WERE INJURED REPELLING AN ATTACK AGAINST A TRAIN NEAR SAN JOSE VERAPAZ (SAN VICENTE)
--ON OR ABOUT 5/13 A MILITARY PATROL IN CANTON SAN MARCOS LEMPA (USULUTAN) WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON 5/14 A ROLLER SKATING RINK IN A SANSALVADOR HOTEL WAS DESTROYED BY A BOMB PLACED BY TWO MEN AND ONE WOMAN.
--ON 5/14 THE SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT FOR CHALATENANGO TWO SOLDIERS AND THREE MILITIA MEMBERS WERE KILLED WHEN THEIR CAR WAS ATTACKED NEAR LA LAGUNA.
--ON OR ABOUT 5/14 A SANTA ANA DRUGSTORE WAS ROBBED BY THIEVES WHO TOOK ALL OF THE MORPHINE IN STOCK.
--ON 5/15 THREE GUERRILLA WERE KILLED AND AN ARMS CACHE DISCOVERED WHEN A MILITARY PATROL WAS SHOTTED FROM A GUERRILLA SAFEHOUSE IN COLONIA EL TRANSITO, SAN MARCOS (SAN SALVADOR).
--ON OR ABOUT 5/15 GUERRILLA ROBBED SEVERAL THOUSAND STICKS OF DYNAMITE FROM A MINE LOCATED IN CANTON SAN SEBASTIAN (LA UNION).

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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE HERE IN REVIEW: MAY 16-22

1. SUMMARY. THE PERIOD COVERED WAS A WEEK OF ATTACKS AGAINST THE PDC QUARTERS, SEVERAL BOMBINGS IN THE CAPITAL, AT LEAST 12 DEATH, CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE MILITARY (OFTEN THE NATIONAL GUARD) AND GUERRILLAS, AND THE INITIATION OF A MILITARY OPERATION IN USULUTAN. PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, ACTION WAS FINALLY TAKEN AGAINST SOME OF THE MARAUDING PATRULLEROS ARMADOS IN THE LAND. AND IN ILOPANGO, A TOWN ONCE FAMOUS ONLY FOR ITS OBSCENE TOILS, FAMILIES WERE KILLING EACH OTHER WITH A VIGILANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. FACTS. AT LEAST 12 PEOPLE WERE LATEST VICTIMS OF THE VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR. TWENTY SIX OF THE VICTIMS WERE FOUND IN SANTA ANA. SAN MIGUEL WAS THE HOST DEPARTMENT FOR FOURTEEN KILLINGS, EIGHT OF WHICH WERE OF YOUNG PEOPLE (FIVE MEN AND THREE

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WOMEN) FOUND PACKED TO DEATH BY THE SIDE OF THE COAST HIGHWAY. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF KILLINGS IN EITHER AHUACHAPAN OR SONSONATE.

3. INCIDENTS.

--ON 5/16 THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) HEADQUARTERS IN SAN SALVADOR WAS STRAFED FROM A PASSING CAR.

--ON 5/17 GUERRILLAS RIFLEMAN FIRED AT TROOPS INSIDE THE TOWN OF CHALATENANGO.

--ON 5/18 A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY IN SAN SALVADOR.

--ON 5/18 A BOMB EXPLODED AT AN ATTORNEY'S SAN SALVADOR OFFICES LOCATED BEHIND THE JOURNALIST HAVEN CAMINO REAL HOTEL.

--ON 5/18 A SECOND ATTACK TOOK PLACE AGAINST THE PDC HEADQUARTERS.

--ON 5/18 GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE NAVAL INSTALLATION IN LA UNION.

--ON 5/18 AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN

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GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A NATIONAL GUARD (GN) PATROL ON THE ROAD BETWEEN TECOLUCA AND SAN VICENTE.
--ON 5/19 A PATROL OF GN TROOPERS PLUS CIVIL DEFENCE ELEMENTS WAS ATTACKED NEAR LAS LAJAS, SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN).
--ON 5/19 THE MILITARY AND POLICE POST IN CINQUERA (CABANAS) WERE ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON 5/19 TROOPS IN USULUTAN REPORTEDLY FOUND WAREHOUSE CONTAINING FOODSTUFFS AND LEFTIST PROPAGANDA.
--ON 5/20 THE GOES MILITARY BEGAN AN OPERATION AGAINST GUERRILLAS OPERATING IN THE AREA OF JUCUARAN (USULUTAN).
--ON 5/20 NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED REPORTS OF CLASHES BETWEEN GN TROOPERS AND GUERRILLAS IN THE SAN VICENTE CANTONS OF LA ROSA, SANTA ELENA, SAN SEBASTIAN, AND LA ESPERANZA.
--ON 5/21 A BOMB EXPLODED AT A SANTA ANA SAVINS BANK. THE FMLN TOOK CREDIT FOR THE ATTACK.
--ON THE 5/21 A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE OFFICERS'S WIVES BLUE IN SAN SALVADOR. THE FMLN TOOK CREDIT FOR THE ATTACK.
--ON 5/21 TROOP REPORTEDLY DISMANTELED A GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT

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IN CANTON TENANGO, SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN).
--ON OR ABOUT 5 21 A LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLA WAS SURPRISED NEAR CANTON EL GAVILAN (LA UNION) IN THE ACT OF ROBBING MOTORISTS.
--ON OR ABOUT 5 21 AN ATTACK AGAINST A MILITARY PATROL IN CANTON EL CEIBE (CABANAS) PROVOKED SOME SERIOUS COMBAT.
--ON OR ABOUT 5 21 GUERRILLA IN SAN VICENTE STOLE A TRUCK TRANSPORTING 170 QUINTALES OF SUGAR.
--ON 5/22 DEFENDERS OF THE CENTRAL HACIENDA NEAR SUCHITOTO BATTLED GUERRILLAS INTENT ON TAKING THE FARM.

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--ON OR ABOUT 5/22 GOES TROOPS REPORTEDLY SEIZED THE GUERRILLA
COMMUNICATION CENTER. THE SITE OF THE EVENT WAS NOT DISCLOSED.
4. MORE PATRULLEROS: ACTION WAS FINALLY TAKEN THIS WEEK
AGAINST SOME OF THE UBIQUITOUS PATRULLEROS, THE ARMED CIVILIAN
PEASANTAS WHO SERVE AS AN ADJUNCT TO THE GOVERNMENT FORCES. BECAUSE
OF THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THE TROOPS THESE ARMED FARMERS ACT
WITH IMPUNITY NOT ALWAYS IN LEGITIMATE PURSUITS. THESE ARE THE STUFF
ON WHICH DEATH SQUADS ARE FORMED. THEY ARE ALSO, DEPENDING
ON THE OCASSION, THIEVES, RAPIST, EXTORTIONIST, CATTLE RUSTLERS,
AND MALFACTORS IN GENERAL. SO IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE THAT SIX
OF THESE GENTS IN SAN VICENTE WERE ENGAGED IN MASQUERADING AS
GUERRILLA, HOLDING UP MOTORIST AT GUNPOINT AND RUSTLING CATTLE.
WHAT IS SURPRISING IS THAT THEY WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED. ONE
NEWSPAPER, UNDERSTANDING THE CASE, REPORTED THAT THERE WERE
MANY SIMILAR CASES OF THIEVING PATRULLEROS OPERATING ACROSS THE
COUNTRY BUT THAT PEOPLE PUT UP WITH THEM OUT OF FEAR OF
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5. A VIGNETTE: ONE STORY THIS WEEK POINTS TO THE SOURCES OF SOME
OF THE VIOLENCE THAT AFFLICTS THIS BLOODY COUNTRY.
IT IS A TALE OF TWO ILOBASCO FAMILIES WHO WENT AT EACH OTHER
VIOLENTLY, AND ENDED BY KILLING FOUR MEMBERS OF EACH OTHER'S
FAMILY. THE TALE FOLLOWS.
THE DURANS WERE AWAKENED BY ARMED MEN WHO EXECUTED FOUR OF THEM
IN THE DURAN PATIO. (THE DURANS WERE PATRULLEROS FAMILY) UNDERSTANDABLY ANGERED BY THE PATIO KILLING THE REMAINING DURANS AND
LIKEMINDED FRIENDS SOUGHT OUT MRS. MERCEDES VALLE, SUSPECTED
OF HARBORING GUERRILLAS, AND KILLED HER. FROM THERE THE DURANS
PROCEEDS TO THE SARAS ORELLANA RESIDENCE (APPARENTLY RELATED TO
MERCEDES AND ALSO SUSPECTED OF HARBORING REBELS) AND, AFTER REPORTEDLY ENCOUNTERING RESISTANCE, WENT FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL
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GUARD (GN) THE TUBANS AND THEIR PATRULLERO FRIENDS, NOW FORTIFIED BY THE GN, WENT AFTER THE FLEEING LAPAS/CRELLANAS, FOUND THEM BY THE RIVER SAYULAPA AND EFFECTIVELY KILLED THREE OF THEM.
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E.O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: ASEC PINS PINT SHUM ES
SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: JAN 24-30, 1981
1. SUMMARY: VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE WEEK OF THIS REPORT REVERTED TO ITS NOW FAMILIAR PATTERN OF RANDOM KILLINGS -- AT LEAST 131 -- AND SCATTERED ACTS OF DESTRUCTION. THE CONCERTED "FINAL" EFFORT TO TOPPLE THE GOVERNMENT BEGUN ON JAN 10 HAS BOTH ENDED AND FAILED. THE MOST NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS DURING THE WEEK INVOLVED THE CAPTURE OF TWO ARMS CARRYING AIRCRAFT. OTHERWISE, INCIDENTS WERE LIMITED TO THE USUAL FARE OF ANTI-OFFICE BOMBINGS, BUS BURNINGS AND ISOLATED GUERRILLA ACTIONS AGAINST USUALLY REMOTE TOWNS. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: JAN. 24-30 WEEKS'S VICTIMS OF THE SALVADORAN
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VIOLENCE NUMBERED AT LEAST 131. THIS WAS LESS THAN HALF THE NUMBER REPORTED KILLED DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK (REPTEL) WHICH COVERED THE INITIATE AFTERMATH OF THE "FINAL OFFENSIVE." THE PATTERN OF VICIENCE WAS ALSO DIFFERENT, REVERTING TO ITS FAMILIAR PRE-FINAL OFFENSIVE TYPE -- FEWER CASUALTIES FROM ACTUAL BATTLES BETWEEN THE GUERRILLAS AND THE MILITARY AND. INSTEAD, A MUCH HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF UNATTRIBUTABLE, ANONYMOUS ROADSIDE KILLINGS. WE KNOW THAT LEFTISTS KILLED A MINIMUM OF SEVEN OF THE VICTIMS. VIOLATORS OF THE CURFEW FARED BADLY -- THE MILITARY KILLED AT LEAST 22 THIS WEEK. THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF THE OTHER 102 VICTIMS WERE NOT IDENTIFIED.
3. INCIDENTS: ON 1 24 THREE MEN PLACED A BOMB IN FRONT OF THE SAN SALVADOR OFFICES OF "AHO-ROMEO" BANK; THE SUBSEQUENT EXPLOSION DAMAGED THE BUILDING.
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-- ON 1/24 A CLASH OCCURRED BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND MILITARY ELEMENTS IN THE SAN ANTONIO ABAD SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR.
-- ON 1/24 A SAN SALVADOR BUS WAS BURNED BY GUERRILLAS.
-- ON 1/25 A NICARAGUAN PLANE CRASHED NEAR JIQUILISCO (USULUTAN) WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LAND WITH A CARGO OF ARMS DESTINED FOR THE GUERRILLAS.
-- ON 1/25 A COSTA RICAN PLANE CARRYING ARMS CONTRABAND WAS DESTROYED BY SALVADORAN AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT ON THE LA SABANA HACIENDA NEAR PUENTE DE ORO (USULUTAN).
-- ON 1/25 A LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLAS ATTACKED METAPAN (SANTA ANA) BUT WERE DRIVEN OFF BY MILITARY ELEMENTS.
-- ON 1/25 TERRORISTS DYNAMITED AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION NEAR SAN MIGUEL.
-- ON 1/25 A CLASH OCCURRED BETWEEN LEFTISTS AND TROOPS IN MEJICANOS (SAN SALVADOR) WHEN THE LEFTISTS WERE DISCOVERED ATTEMPTING TO SET FIRE TO A BUS.
-- ON 1/25 THE TOWN OF TOROLA (MORAZAN) WAS BESIEGED BY A LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLAS.
-- ON 1/26 A BOMB EXPLOSION SERIOUSLY DAMAGED A BRIDGE ON

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THE HIGHWAY NORTH OF SAN SALVADOR.
-- ON 1/26 FIGHTING TOOK PLACE IN CIUDAD DELGADO (SAN SALVADOR).
-- ON 1/26 THE BAKER'S HAMBURGER RESTAURANT IN SAN SALVADOR WAS BURNED BY A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS WHO REPORTEDLY TOLD THE EMPLOYEES THAT IT WAS "FOR THEIR OWN GOOD."
-- ON 1/26 LEFTISTS BURNED A BUS ALONG A PRINCIPAL AVENUE IN SAN SALVADOR.
-- ON 1/26 THREE SOLDIERS AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED WHEN THE GUERRILLAS ATTEMPTED TO TAKE THE TOWN OF CERRILLOS (SAN MIGUEL).
-- ON 1/27 ANOTHER SAN SALVADOR BUS WAS BURNED.
-- ON 1/27 A REPORTEDLY LARGE GROUP OF LEFTIST GUERRILLAS RAIDED SAN AGUSTIN (USULUTAN) AT DAWN AND SET FIRE TO FOUR HOUSES.
-- ON 1/27 AN UNDERGROUND ARMS FACTORY WAS UNCOVERED IN CANTON EL PORTE (APANCHAPAN).
-- ON 1/27 HEAVY FIGHTING WAS REPORTED IN THE TOWNS OF MEJICANOS, APOPA AND CUSCATANCINGO (SAN SALVADOR).
-- ON OR ABOUT 1/27 AN ARMY PATROL ENGAGED A BAND OF GUERRILLAS WHO WERE TRANSPORTING WEAPONS IN A MOUNTAINOUS AREA NEAR CIUDAD BARRIOS (SAN MIGUEL).
-- ON 1/28 IT WAS REPORTED THAT BUS SERVICE HAD BEEN SUSPENDED BETWEEN SAN SALVADOR AND SUCHITOTO AFTER FIVE BUSES WERE IGNITED BY INSURRECTIONIST LEFTISTS.
-- ON 1/28 SEVEN LEFTISTS SUCCEEDED IN PARTIALLY BURNING THE ANTEL BUILDING IN MEJICANOS (SAN SALVADOR).
-- ON 1/28 A POWERFUL BOMB PLACED INSIDE OF A CAR EXPLODED BY THE NICARAGUAN EMBASSY RESULTING IN EXTENSIVE

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DAMAGE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
-- ON 1/29 A BOMB EXPLOSION ON THE EAST-WEST COASTAL HIGHWAY NEAR ZACATECOLUCA (LA PAZ) KILLED ONE CHILD AND INJURED SIX OTHERS.
-- ON 1/29 A NATIONAL GUARD PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS NEAR CINQUERA (CABANAS). THE ENCOUNTER LASTED SEVERAL HOURS; GOVERNMENT REINFORCEMENTS FORCED THE
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LEFTISTS TO RETREAT INTO THE HILLS.
-- ON 1/30 EIGHT LEFTISTS SET FIRE TO A TEXACO GASOLINE BUSINESS IN SAN SALVADOR.
-- ON 1/30 A LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLAS TOOK THE TOWN OF CONCHAGUA AND SET FIRE TO THE CITY HALL.
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TAGS: ASEC, PINT, PINS, SNUM, ES
SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: MAY 23-29
1. SUMMARY. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE WEEK MAY 23-29 WAS ONE OF DIMINISHED VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR--THERE WERE FEWER CASUALTIES DURING THE WEEK AND THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS DECLINED. EXCEPT FOR A FRIDAY NIGHT SHOOTING SPREE THE WEEK WAS SPENT RELATIVELY TRANQUILLY IN THE CAPITAL. ELSEWHERE THE VIOLENCE THAT DID TAKE PLACE WAS ROUTINE. IN LA LIBERTAD, HOWEVER A DEPARTMENT NORMALLY NOT THE SCENE OF MAYHEM, SEVERAL ACTS OF TERRORISM OCCURRED. END SUMMARY.
2. FACTS: DURING THE PERIOD COVERED WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY (BY NAME OR CIRCUMSTANCES) 90 PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED AS A RESULT OF PROFANE POLITICAL VIOLENCE. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER FIGURE THAN THOSE OF MOST RECENT WEEKS. AMONG THE VICTIMS WERE AT LEAST SIXTEEN ARMY OR SECURITY FORCE
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PERSONNEL. MOST OF THE REST WERE ORDINARY PEOPLE KILLED SURREPTITIOUSLY BY UNKNOWN ASSASSINS FOR UNEXPLAINED REASONS.
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON 5/23 ONE SOLDIER WAS KILLED WHEN AN ARMY VEHICLE WAS ATTACKED WITH BOMBS AND HIGH CALIBER WEAPONS IN LA PAZ DEPARTMENT ON THE ROAD LINKING SAN VICENTE AND ZACATECOLUCA.
--ON 5/23 THE CONSTABULARY IN SAN JUAN NONUALCO WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS.
--ON 5/24 A GUERRILLA ATTACK AGAINST LISLIQUE (LA UNION) WAS REPELLED BY TROOPS.
--ON 5/25 A BOMB EXPLOSION IN CANTON SAN CRISTOBAL NEAR ZACATECOLUCA KILLED THREE SOLDIERS AND AN ACCOMPANYING CIVILIAN.
--ON 5/25 THE CUSTOM POLICE (PA) POST IN SANTA ANA WAS THE OBJECT OF AN ATTACK WHICH LEFT ONE YOUTH DEAD.

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--ON 5/25 NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT A HILL CALLED RAMON (LOCATED IN CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT IN THE AREA SURROUNDED BY SAN SAN ANTONIO DE LA CRUZ, NOMBRE DE JESUS AND ARCATAO) HAD BEEN TAKEN BY A LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLAS.
--ON 5/26 TROOPS BATTLED GUERRILLAS WHO WERE ABOUT TO ATTACK A TRAIN NEAR CANTON SAN DIEGO (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 5/26 ARMY AND GUERRILLA ELEMENTS CLASHED NEAR PUENTE NEGRO (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 5/27 A TRUCK TRANSPORTING SOAP WAS IGNITED BY URBAN GUERRILLAS IN THE METROPOLIS SECTION OF SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 5/27 TROOPS ENGAGED GUERRILLAS WHO WERE ASSAULTING MOTORIST NEAR SAN NICOLAS LEMPA (USULUTAN).
--ON 5/27 GUERRILLAS ATTACKED PATRULLEROS IN CANTON LOS NARANJOS (CHALATENANGO) KILLING ONE, INJURING TWO AND KIDNAPPING THREE.
--ON 5/27 GUERRILLAS ENGAGED IN HARASSING PEASANTS IN NUEVO TEPETITAN (SAN VICENTE) WERE ATTACKED BY TROOPS.
--ON OR ABOUT 5/27 THE NAVY AND TREASURY POLICE (PH) HEADQUAR-

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TERS IN LA LIBERTAD WERE ATTACKED.
--ON OR ABOUT 5/27 THE TOWN HALL IN QUEZALTEPEQUE (LA LIBERTAD) WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON OR ABOUT 5/27 SIX SOLDIERS WERE KILLED WHEN A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED NEAR SANTA CRUZ PORRILLO (LA PAZ)
--ON OR ABOUT 5/27 A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS WHICH ATTEMPTED TO TAKE THE TOWN OF SAN PABLO TACACHICO (LA LIBERTAD) WAS REPULSED BY THE TOWN'S CIVIL DEFENSE FORCE.
--ON OR ABOUT 5/28 A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED NEAR JAYAQUE (LA LIBERTAD).
--ON 5/29 THREE MASKED PEOPLE SET FIRE TO THE PINSAL PAINT DISTRIBUTORSHIP IN SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 5/29 (IN THE EVENING) THERE WAS EXTENSIVE SHOOTING IN THE CENTER OF SAN SALVADOR, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA AROUND THE NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS.
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: MAY 30-JUNE 5
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1. SUMMARY: VIOLENCE WEEK WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE COUNTRY I.E. SAN VICENTE, LA PAZ, AND CABANAS DEPARTMENTS. DURING THE WEEK GOES FORCES BEGAN AN OPERATION AGAINST GUERRILLAS IN THE AREA OF CHINCHONTEPEC VOLCANO IN SAN VICENTE. BELIEVABLE CASUALTY REPORTS FROM THAT OPERATION ARE OF SEVERAL GOES TROOPS; NOT BELIEVABLE REPORTS FROM I FROM THAT OPERATION CLAIMS OVER 100 GUERRILLAS KILLED IN ACTION. IN EL SALVADOR TWO BOMBS EXPLODED, ONE AT A GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND THE OTHER AT A CAR DEALERSHIP. ONE NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT POLICE SAVED THE SAN SALVADOR CATHEDRAL BY DEFUSING TWO BOMBS FOUND IN ITS DUNGEON; THE REPORTS IS OF QUESTIONABLE
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ACCURACY. ALSO QUESTIONABLE IS THE REFERENCED FBIS ARTICLE ENTITLED "ONE OF BLOODIEST WEEKS ENDS IN COUNTRY." THE REPORT CLAIMS THAT 200 WERE KILLED DURING THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 5 IN ADDITION TO 100 GUERRILLAS KILLED IN CLASHES WITH GOES FORCES. BOTH FIGURES ARE PROBABLY DOUBLE THE ACTUAL FIGURES. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: AT LEAST 91 PEOPLE WERE KILLED THIS WEEK, VICTIMS OF PROBABLE POLITICAL VIOLENCE. (THIS FIGURE IS EXCLUSIVE OF TROOPS AND GUERRILLAS KILLED IN THE FIGHTING AROUND THE CHINCHONTEPEC VOLCANO IN SAN VICENTE. WE STILL DO NOT HAVE COMPLETE CASUALTY FIGURES FROM SAN VICENTE; WE WILL REPORT THESE SUBSEQUENTLY.) OF THE TOTAL NUMBER 78 WERE KILLED IN THREE DEPARTMENTS: SAN SALVADOR (39) SANTA ANA, (25) AND SAN MIGUEL (14) IN SAN SALVADOR DEPARTMENT 19 PEOPLE WERE KILLED

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IN THE AREA BETWEEN APOPA AND NEJAPA. WE COULD IDENTIFY THE PERPETRATORS IN ONLY AN INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER OD CASES.

3. INCIDENTS:

--ON 5/30 A SHOOTING SPREE IN THE SANTA HONOR SECTION OF SANTA ANA LEFT ONE PERSON DEAD; THE ORIGINS OF OR PARTICIPANTS IN THE ACTION WERE NOT REPORTED.

--ON 5/30 A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SENSUTEPEQUE AND VILLA DOLORES (CABANAS) THE ATTACK RESULTED IN INJURIES TO THREE GN TROOPERS AND TWO PATRULLEROS.

--ON OR ABOUT 5/30 THE GN POST IN SAN NICOLAS LEMPA (USULUTAN) WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS.

--ON 5/31 TROOPS BATTLED FPL MEMBERS NEAR TENANCINGO (CUSCATLAN).

--ON 5/31 CANTON CUYANTEPEQUE NEAR SENSUNTEPEQUE (CABANAS) WAS THE SCENE OF A CLASH BETWEEN LEFTIST AND MILITARY.

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ON 5/31 A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE SAN SALVADOR OFFICES OF
ITILLA, AN AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP BELONGING TO THE POMA
FAMILY.
--ON 5/31 A BOMB EXPLOSION DAMAGED THE FIGAPE (SMALL BUSINESS
FINANCING AND GUARANTY FUND) BUILDING IN SAN SALVADOR.
--ON 6/1 THE CIVIL DEFENSE GROUP IN USULUTAN (LA UNION)
REPORTEDLY REPULSED AN ATTACK ON THE TOWN BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON OR ABOUT 6/1 A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED NEAR SAN PEDRO
MASAHUAT (LA PAZ).
--ON OR ABOUT 6/1 SEVERAL CLASHES BETWEEN TROOPS AND GUERRILLAS
WERE PROVOKED BY AN ATTACK ON THE GN POST IN LAS VUELTAS
(CHALATENANGO).
--ON 6/2 REPORTS INDICATED THAT GUERRILLAS WERE IN THE AREA OF
CACAOPERA (MORAZAN) AND WITH THE INTENTION OF TAKING THE TOWN.
-ON 6/2 A TREASURY POLICE (PH) PATROL WAS AMBUSHED IN CANTON
TIERRA BLANCA NEAR ZACATECOLUCA (LA PAZ).
--ON 6/2 URBAN GUERRILLAS CROSSED A BUS ON A SAN SALVADOR
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BOULEVARD AND DEFLATED THE TIRES BY SHOOTING THEM.
--ON 6/2 THREE ANTEL EMPLOYEES WERE SHOT WHILE ATTEMPTING
TO REPAIR LINES DOWNED BY GUERRILLAS NEAR SANTA CRUZ PORRILLO
(LA PAZ).
--ON 6/2 A BOMB WAS THROWN AGAINST A TRUCK CARRYING PASSENGERS NEAR
CANTON SAN CRISTOBAL, TECOLUCA, (SAN VICENTE) SEVERAL OF THE P
PASSENGERS WERE INJURED BY THE BLAST.
- ON OR ABOUT 6/2 TWO BOMBS PLANTED BY THE LA PEDRERA BRIDGE
NEAR SANTA CRUZ PORRILLO (LA PAZ) AND TWO BOOBY TRAPS DEVICES
DEEP NEARBY WERE DEACTIVATED BY TROOPS.
--ON 6/3 ACCORDING TO ONE NEWSPAPER, TWO BOMBS PLACED IN THE DUNGEON
OF THE CATHEDRAL IN SAN SALVADOR WERE DEFUSED BY POLICE.
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--ON 6/3 ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER
-- ON 6/3 SAN SALVADOR RESTAURANT "EL CARBON" WAS PARTIALLY CARBONIZED BY A FIRE SET BY ARSONIST.
--ON OR ABOUT 6 4 CIVIL DEFENSE ELEMENTS NEAR NUEVO TEPETITAN (SAN VICENTE) CAME UPON SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS ENGAGED IN CATTLE RUSTLING; A BATTLE ENSUED OVER THE COWS.
--ON 6/5 A TRUCK CARRYING NUMEROUS PASSENGERS WAS MACHINEGUNNED NEAR CANTON SAYULAPA, ILOBASCO (CABANAS)
--ON OR ABOUT 6 5 A REPORTEDLY LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLAS ATTACKED TEJUTEPEQUE (CABANAS) THE TOWN WAS DEFENDED BY GN AND CIVIL DEFENSE ELEMENTS.
--ON OR ABOUT 6 5 A BUS WAS STOPPED NEAR SANTA ROSA DE LIMA (SAN MIGUEL) BY HIGHWAY ROBBERS, THE PASSENGERS WERE ROBBED AND THE BATTERY TAKEN FROM THE VEHICLE.
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: JUNE 6-12
1. SUMMARY: FOCUS OF VIOLENCE THIS WEEK WAS THE CHINCHONTEPEC VOLCANO IN SAN VICENTE (SEE IAFT REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT.) ELSEWHERE THERE WERE SCATTERED INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE SIMILAR TO THOSE THAT HAVE MARKED OTHER WEEKS. SEVERAL BOMBS EXPLODED IN SAN SALVADOR, SEVERAL MILITARY PATROLS WERE ATTACKED, SOME POWER LINES WERE DOWNED, AND BUSES WERE USED TO INTERRUPT TRAFFIC. AT LEAST 116 PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING THE WEEK, NINE BY BEHEADING. THERE WERE 31 MILITARY VICTIMS. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR COST THE LIVES OF AT LEAST 116 PEOPLE DURING THE PERIOD COVERED. A LARGE NUMBER OF THE VICTIMS WERE SOLDIERS AND SECURITY CORPS MEMBERS -- 31. NINE MEN -- MOST OF THEM YOUNG -- DIED BY DECAPITATION
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IN THE AREA NORTH OF SAN SALVADOR. AROUND TWO OF THE HEADS WERE BANDS WITH FPL (POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY BLOC) WRITTEN ON THEM.
3. INCIDENTS: --ON 6/6 FOUR MEMBERS OF AN URBAN GUERRILLA GROUP WERE KILLED BY TROOPS; TWO OF THE TROOPS WERE KILLED AS WELL --ON 6/7 THERE WAS A SHOOTOUT BETWEEN NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND GUERRILLAS NEAR THE PUENTE NEGRO (SAN VICENTE); THE FARE COLLECTOR OF A PASSING BUS AND A GUARDSMAN WERE KILLED.
-- ON 6/7 A REPORTEDLY LARGE GROUP OF GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE CIVIL DEFENSE POST IN EL ROSARIO (THE IRONED) CANTON NEAR METAPAN (SANTA ANA).
-- ON 6/7 A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSHED NEAR LAS VUELTAS (CHALATENANGO).

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-- ON 8/7 A TRUCK CARRYING WOOD WAS BURNED BY GUERRILLAS NEAR SAN NICOLAS LEMPA (SAN VICENTE).
--ON 8/7 A GROUP OF ABOUT 50 GUERRILLAS SOUGHT TO OVERRUN OZATLAN (USULUTAN) BUT WERE REPELLED BY A MILITARY PATROL.
-- ON 8/8 A BOMB EXPLODED AT A LAMP STORE IN SAN ANTONIO ABAD (SAN SALVADOR).
-- ON 8/8 A BOMB EXPLODED AT A PRIVATE HOME IN THE COSTA RICA NEIGHBORHOOD OF SAN SALVADOR.
--ON OR ABOUT 8/8 A BUS WAS MACHINEGUNNED BY GUERRILLAS DURING AN ATTACK ON A MILITARY PATROL ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SAN VICENTE AND ZACATECOLUCA.
--ON OR ABOUT 8/8 GUERRILLAS CROSSED BUSES, FIRED AT THE TIRES AND WINDOWS OF CARS AND TRUCKS, AND SET FIRE TO SOME VEHICLES ON THE ROAD BETWEEN LOS NARANJOS AND SANTA ANA.
--ON 8/8 GUERRILLAS AMBUSHED A MILITARY PATROL PLACED AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY OF CHALATENANGO.
--ON 8/9 A BOMB EXPLODED AT AN AUTO REPAIR SHOP IN SAN

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SALVADOR.
-- ON 8/9 A GROUP OF YOUTHS MARCHED MARXIST MEXICANOS (SAN SALVADOR) SHOUTING REVOLUTION AND DISPLAYING THEIR WEAPONS; THE DEMONSTRATION CULMINATED WITH THE PARTICIPANTS SPREADING THE CONTENTS OF A TRASH TRUCK ACROSS THE STREETS.
-- ON 8/8 THE CITY OF SAN VICENTE WAS THE SCENE OF SEVERAL CLASHES BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND TROOPS.
--ON OR ABOUT 8/8 PATROLS IN EL CONGO AND EL MIRADOR CANTONS (SANTA ANA) UNCOVERED GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENTS; THE SUBSEQUENT CLASHES KILLED ONE SOLDIER AND INJURED TWO OFFICERS.
-- ON 8/10 A STIFF FIREFIGHT BROKE OUT IN THE BARRIO MODELO SECTOR OF SAN SALVADOR AFTER A NATIONAL POLICE VEHICLE WAS ATTACKED.
-- ON 8/10 FOUR SOLDIERS WERE KILLED DURING AN ATTACK ON A MILITARY PATROL IN LA GUARUMA NEAR SENSUNTEPEQUE (CABANAS).
--ON 8/10 THE TOWN OF APOPATAO WAS ATTACKED BY FMLN COMBATANTS LEAVING AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF DEAD AND WOUNDED.
-- ON 8/10 THE TRUCK TRANSPORTING THE MAIL FROM CERRON GRANDE (CABANAS) WAS BOMBED AND STRAFED LEAVING A MAN, A WOMAN AND A CHILD DEAD AND FIVE OTHERS WOUNDED.
-- ON 8/10 A MILITARY PATROL IN SOYAPANGO WAS ATTACKED.
-- ON 8/10 A BOMB EXPLODED AT A SAN SALVADOR SUPERMARKET.
-- ON 8/10 A BOMB EXPLODED NEAR THE OFFICES OF THE URBAN HOUSING INSTITUTE (IVU).
-- ON 8/10 AN EXPLOSION DESTROYED HIGH VOLTAGE CABLES IN CANTON SAN JACINTO (SANTA ANA).
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE TAKES IN REVIEW: JUNE 13-19
1. SUMMARY: THE HOLIST DEATH TOTALS (FOREL SALVADOR)
SEEN IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS ARE ONCE AGAIN REFLECTED IN THE STA-
TISTICS FOR THE WEEK IN QUESTION. APPROXIMATELY 85 PERSONS
FELL VICTIM TO THIS COUNTRY'S ENDEMIC VIOLENCE, WITH THE
DEATHS HAVING AN EVEN GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. NO ONE
LOCALITY STANDS OUT FOR ITS NUMBER OF VICTIMS. EXCEPT FOR
A SHOOT-OUT ON JUNE 19, INCIDENTS IN THE CAPITAL WERE RARE.
ELSEWHERE, VIOLENT INCIDENTS WERE CONCENTRATED IN THE NORTHERN
AND CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS OF CHALATENANGO, CABANAS, AND CUSCATLAN.
END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: DURING THE WEEK THERE WERE 85 PERSONS WHOSE DEATH COULD
BE ATTRIBUTED TO POLITICAL VIOLENCE. LEFTIST FORCES WERE JUDGED
RESPONSIBLE FOR 18 DEATH, 12 OF THEM SALVADORAN SOLDIERS. SECURITY
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FORCES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR 5 DEATHS, BUT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE
KILLED, A TOTAL OF 72 WERE, AS IS SO OFTEN THE CASE, KILLED
BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS. FOR UNKNOWN REASONS.
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON JUNE 13 IN SANTA ANA NUMEROUS FIREFIGHTS WERE REPORTED
BETWEEN GOVERNMENT FORCES AND GROUPS OF STRONGLY ARMED MEN
CIRCULATING THROUGH THE STREETS IN LIGHT PICK UP TRUCKS.
--ON JUNE 13 IN CANTON SAN JACINTO, SANTA ANA, A BOMB DESTROYED
AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWER.
--ON JUNE 13 IN CUSCATLAN DEPARTMENT, SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS ROLLED
ROCKS AND FELLED TREES ON THE HIGHWAY TO THE "5TH OF NOVEMBER"
DAM TO BLOCK ACCESS TO THE FACILITY.
--ON JUNE 14 THE TOWN OF ARCATAO, CHALATENANGO WAS ATTACKED
BY A LARGE GROUP OF TERRORIST, RESULTING IN 3 DEATHS AND AN
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UNKNOWN NUMBER OF WOUNDED.
--ON JUNE 15 NEAR TEJUTEPEQUE, CABANAS, A NATIONAL GUARD PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 30 TERRORIST WHO LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF DEAD UPON BEING REPULSED.
--ON JUNE 6, IN THE SAN SALVADOR SUBURB OF CIUDAD DELGADO, THE DISCOVERY BY SECURITY FORCES OF AN ALLEGED TERRORIST CELL LED TO A FIREFIGHT IN WHICH 6 ALLEGED TERRORIST DIED.
--ON JUNE 16 IN THE SAN SALVADOR SUBURB OF CUSCATANCINGO, THE OFFICES OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND THE CITY HALL WERE ATTACKED BY GROUPS OF SUBVERSIVES. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.
--ON JUNE 17 IN SAN SALVADOR, A GROUP OF TERRORIST PLANTED A BOMB IN A COMMERCIAL BUILDING WHICH CAUSED HEAVY DAMAGE.
--THE PERPETRATORS OF THE CRIME THEN STOLEN BUS TO EFFECT THEIR SCAPE.
--ON JUNE 17 THE TOWN OF ARCATAO, CHALATENANGO WAS AGAIN ATTACKED BY GUERRILLA GROUPS WHO KILLED 2 PERSONS AND WOUNDED 2 MORE.
--ON JUNE 17 NEAR GUAZJILA CHALATENANGO, A MILITARY CONVOY WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLA GROUPS WHO INFLICTED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER

OF CASUALTIES.
--ON JUNE 17 IN SAN SALVADOR AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION WAS DESTROYED BY A BOMB.
--ON JUNE 18, GUERRILLA ATTACKS IN THE CITY OF SAN VICENTE LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
--ON JUNE 18, IN THE SAN SALVADOR SUBURB OF SAN MARCOS A CIVILIAN DEFENSE PATROL OF 4 MEN WAS ATTACKED BY APPROXIMATELY 15 SUBVERSIVES. ONE PATROLMEN WAS WOUNDED.
--ON JUNE 18 IN LA CEIBA DE GUADALUPE, SAN SALVADOR DEPARTMENT A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN EXTREMIST ELEMENTS AND UNITS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE LEFT TWO POLICEMAN AND 3 CIVILIAN WOUNDED.
--ON JUNE 18 IN SANTA ANA, ONE PERSON WAS WOUNDED BY A GRENADE TOSSED TOWARD A GROUP OF MEN.
--ON JUNE 19, NEAR SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN, A LAND MINE WAS DETONATED UNDER A PASSING MILITARY TRUCK, LEAVING AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF WOUNDED.
--ON JUNE 19, IN SAN SALVADOR, 3 SUBVERSIVE ATTACKED A MILITARY PATROL DURING THE EVENING RUSH HOUR. TWO SUBVERSIVES DIED IN THE ENCOUNTER.
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE BETA IN REVIEW: JUNE 20-26
1. SUMMARY: A TOTAL OF 97 PERSONS THROUGHOUT EL SALVADOR FELL VICTIMS TO THIS NATION'S OBSESSIVE VIOLENCE DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION. PARTICULAR SAVAGERY WAS VISITED UPON FIVE UNKNOWNERS IN APOPA, NORTH OF THE CAPITAL, WHOSE ARMS AND FEET WERE APPARENTLY LOPPED OFF BEFORE THEIR BEING SHOT. APART FROM THE CONTINUAL ROUND OF MURDER, EVENLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, TERRORIST ACTIVITIES WERE CONCENTRATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHALATENANGO, CABANAS, CUSCATLAN, AND USULUTAN. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: DURING THE WEEK THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 97 PERSONS WHOSE DEATHS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO POLITICAL VIOLENCE. (NOTE: AGAIN THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THE WAR CASSUALTIES WHO DIED IN MAJOR GUERRILLA-ARMED FORCES CONFRONTATIONS
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ALTHOUGH THE 19 SOLDIERS CITED BELOW PROBABLY FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY.) LEFTIST FORCES WERE JUDGED RESPONSIBLE FOR 28 DEATHS, 19 OF THEM IN SAN SALVADORAN SOLDIERS. SECURITY FORCES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR 2 DEATHS, BUT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE KILLED, A TOTAL OF 67, DIED AT THE HANDS OF UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS FOR UNKNOWN REASONS.
3. --ON JUNE 20 ON THE ROAD TO TECOLUCA, SAN VICENTE, AN ASSAULT ON A MILITARY PATROL BY A GUERRILLA GROUP LEFT ONE SOLDIER DEAD.
--ON JUNE 21 REPORTS WERE RECEIVED OF THREE DAYS OF CONTACTS BETWEEN SUBVERSIVE FORCES AND MILITARY UNITS ON THE ROAD TO THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER HYDROELECTRIC PLANT. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
--ON JUNE 21, NEAR EL TRANSITO, SAN MIGUEL, TWO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION TOWERS WERE DYNAMITED LEAVING THE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT POWER FOR 16 HOURS.

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--ON JUNE 21 NEAR USULUTAN, TRAFFIC WAS BLOCKED BY TRENCHES DUG ACCROSS THE HIGHWAY.
--ON JUNE 21, NEAR JUCUAPA, USULUTAN, AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWER WAS DESTROYED LEAVING A WIDE AREA WITHOUT POWER.
--ON JUNE 21 NEAR IZALCO, SONSONATE A PATROL OF THE NATIONAL GUARD WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES WHO HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN THE COLLECTION OF WAR TAXES FROM TRAVELERS.
--ON JUNE 22 IN SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN. THE EXPLOSION OF A LARGE BOMBE LEFT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF WOUNDED.
--ON JUNE 22 MORAZAN DEPARTMENT, THE TOWN OF JOCOAITIQUE WAS ATTACKED FOR 11 HOURS BY EXTREMEIST GROUPS. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES RESULTED.
--ON JUNE 23 NEAR TECOLUCA, SAN VICENTE, AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CATTLE WERE DESTROYED BY CLAYMORE MINES IMPLANTED IN THEIR GRAZING AREAS.
--ON JUNE 24 OUTSIDE ILOBASCO CABANAS, A SHARP FIREFIGHT BROKE OUT BETWEEN A NATIONAL GUARD PATROL AND A SUBVERSIVE GROUP. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
--ON JUNE 24 IN SANTA ANA, FOUR BOMBS WERE DE-ACTIVATED BEFORE

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THEY COULD EXPLODE.
--ON JUNE 24, IN METAPAN, SANTA ANA, A PASSENGER TRAIN WAS DAMAGED WHEN A BOMB WAS DETONATED BELOW THE ENGINE.
--ON JUNE 24 IN CANTON AMATITAN, SAN VICENTE, A NATIONAL GUARD POST WAS ATTACKED BY A GUERRILLA GROUP. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER BECAME CASUALTIES.
--ON JUNE 25 NEAR SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN, TWO GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENTS ON THE HACIENDA COPAPAYO REPRESENTENANGO WERE DESTROYED BY MILITARY UNITS. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER BECAME CAUALTIES.
--ON JUNE 25 NEAR LAS VUELTAS, CHALATENANGO, A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLA GROUP WHO INFLICTED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
4. UPDATE: ON JUNE 23, THE CLANDESTINE RADIO VENCEREMOS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FMLN TOOK CREDIT FOR A SHOOT-OUT WHICH OCCURRED ON JUNE 19 IN SAN SALVADOR. THIS ENGAGEMENT, REPORTED IN SAN SALVADOR 4005 RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF TWO OF THE GUERRILLAS TROUGH RADIO VENCEREMOS BOASTED OF A SUCCESFUL ASSAULT ON ARMY TROOPS WITHOUT LOSS. ON JUNE 25 RADIO VENCEREMOS BROADCAST THE FMLN'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ELECTRICAL TOWER IN SAN MIGUEL AND FOR THE TRENCHING OF THE HIGHWAY IN USULUTAN, BOTH EVENTS REPORTED IN THIS CABLE AS HAVING OCCURRED ON JUNE 21.
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1. SUMMARY: A DOWNWARD FLUCTUATION APPEARED IN THE NUMBERS OF PERSONS REPORTED MURDERED IN THE PAST WEEK. NOTWITHSTANDING, THE DECREASE ADDED SOME 61 NEW VICTIMS TO THE EVER-INCREASING TOLL HERE. MANY OF THESE DEATHS WERE MARKED BY CIVICUS SIGNS OF TORTURE. TERRORIST INCIDENTS, WHICH NUMBERED 27N CONSISTED PRINCIPALLY OF CLASHES OF SUBVERSIVES WITH SECURITY FORCES AND FIVE ATTACKS ON THE COUNTRY'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: A TOTAL OF ABOUT 91 PERSONS BECAME VICTIMS OF THE SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR. AS ALWAYS, RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAJORITY OF DEATHS, A TOTAL OF 69 IN THIS CASE,
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CANNOT BE DETERMINED. FOURTEEN DEATHS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO LEFTIST FORCES.
(SEVEN SOLDIERS ALSO WERE REPORTED KILLED DURING CONFRONTATIONS WITH GUERRILLAS.)
3. INCIDENTS: ON JULY 11 A SLAUGHTER HOUSE NEAR NEJAPA, SAN SALVADOR DEPARTMENT WAS ATTACKED BY ABOUT 100 MEN WHO THREW INCENDIARY BOMBS INTO THE STRUCTURE.
-- ON JULY 11 NEAR SAN LORENZO, SAN VICENTE A TRUCK STRUCK A LAND MINE LEAVING 4 DEAD AND8 WOUNDED.
-- ON JULY 12 A CLASH BETWEEN SUBERSIVE FOANT A MILITARY PATROL NEAR BARIO SAN JOSE, LA LIBERTAD RESULTED IN A FIREFIGHT IN WHICH A 15 YEAR OLD GIRL WAS STRUCK AND KILLED.
-- ON JULY 12 NEAR SANTA ANA A FIREFIGET BROKE OUT BETWEEN SUBVERSIVES AND ARMY TROOPS. FIRING LASTED 30 MINUTES BEFORE

THE GUERRILLAS BROKE OFF THE ENGAGEMENT. NO REPORTS OF CASUALIES.
-- ON JULY 12 THE TOWN OF JOCOAITIQUE, MORAZAN SUFFERED A 30 MINUTE ASSAULT WHICH FEATURED ROCKETS, BAZOOKAS, AND FRAGMENTATION GRENADES. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
-- ON JULY 13 NEAR SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA, MORAZAN, A FIREFIGHT RESULTED FROM THE ENCOUNTER OF AN ARMY PATROL WITH A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES WHO WERE ENGAGED IN THE COLLECTION OF WAR TAXES FROM TRAVELERS.
-- ON JULY 13 NEAR SAN MIGUEL, OTHER TERRORIST GOUPS WERE REPORTED TO BE STOPPING TRAFFIC FOR THE COLLECTION OF WAR TAXES.
-- ON JULY 14, A GUERRILLA ATTACK ON THE TOWNS OF LA HERRADURA AND LA ZORRA, LA PAZ LEFT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
-- ON JULY 14 A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 25 SUBVERSIVES ATTACKED A ROAD CONSTRUCTION CREW NEAR SAN MIGUEL, KILLING THE FOREMAN
-- ON JULY 14 NEAR TIERRA BLANCA, USULUTAN, A FIREFIGHT AROSE WHEN A MILITARY PATROL ENCOUNTERED TERRORISTS ABOUT TO CUT DOWN

YET MORE ELECTRICAL TOWERS. NO CASUALITIES WERE REPORTED.
-- ON JULY -14 NEAR TIERRA BLANCA, USULUTAN, SIX ELECTRICAL TOWERS WERE CUT DOWN WITH HATCHETS.
-- ON JULY 14, NEAR SAN CARLOS, CUSCATLAN SEVERAL ELECTRICAL TOWERS WERE DYNAMITED LEAVING THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY IN DARKNESS.
-- ON JULY 14 THE VILLAGE OF VILLA EL TRANSITO WAS ASSAULTED BY A HEAVILY ARMED GROUP WHICH WAS REPULSED BY SECURITY FORCES IN THE VILLAGE. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
-- ON JULY 14 THE TOWN OF TECOLUCA, SAN VICENTE WAS ATTACKED BY SUBVERSIVES WHO SUFFERED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES BEFORE RETIRING.
-- ON JULY 15 FOUR TERRORISTS KILLED A BUS DRIVER AND THEN BURNED THE DRIVER'S BODY AFTER HE RESISTED THE ATTEMPTED HIJACKING.
-- ON JULY 15 A REPORT INDICATED THAT THE CANTON AGUA BLANCA GOTERA WAS TAKEN BY GUERRILLA FORCES.
-- ON JULY 15 IN SAN SALVADOR AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE WAS INITIATED BY SUBVERSIVES WHO OPENED FIRE ON GUARDS AT THE NATIONAL PALACE. TWO BYSTANDERS WERE WOUNDED IN THE EXCHANGE.
-- ON JULY 15 IN SAN SALVADOR, "RADIO 10" WAS INVADED BY SUBVERSIVES WHO FORCED THE STAFF TO BROADCAST A SUBVERSIVE-MESSAGE FROM THE FPL.
-- ON JULY 15 IN SANTA ANA A BOMB CAUSED SEVERE DAMAGE TO A SUGAR WAREHOUSE.
-- ON JULY 16 NEAR JIQUILISCO, USULUTAN, SEVERAL ELECTRICAL TOWERS WERE DESTROYED BY BOMBS LEAVING SOME AREAS OF USULUTAN WITHOUT POWER.
-- ON JULY 16 THE TOWN OF TENANCINGO SUFFERED A TWO-HOUR ASSAULT BY GUERRILLA FORCES, WHO FLED AT THE APPPROACH OF

SECURITY FORCES. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.
-- ON JULY 16 IN THE SAN SALVADOR SUBURB OF CIUDAD DELGADO, SECURITY FORCES ATTACKED A SUGAR TRUCK THAT HAD BEEN HIJACKED BY TERRORISTS, KILLING AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF THE HIJACKERS.
--ON JULY 16 AN ATTACK ON THE CERRON GRANDE POWER DAM BY TERRORISTS LEFT THE DAM UNDAMAGED AND UNDETERMINED NUMBER

OF ASSAILANTS AS CASUALTIES.
-- ON JULY 17 THE COOPERATIVE " LA NUEVA ESPERANZA", LOCATED NEAR SAN JUAN OPICO, LA LIBERTAD WAS INVADED BY 30 MEN WHO BEAT UP THE EMPLOYEES AND BURNED A FOOD WAREHOUSE.
-- ON JULY 18 NEAR ESTACION OBRAJES, SAN VICENTE, A BOMB WAS THROWN AT A PASSING TRAIN KILLING A RAILROAD EMPLOYEE.

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1. SUMMARY: VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION WAS CHARACTERIZED BY THE FAMILIAR PATTERN OF RANDOM KILLINGS--AT LEAST 101 BY OUR COUNT MADE FROM PUBLISHED SOURCES--AND SCATTERED ACTS OF DESTRUCTION. AT LEAST TEN TOWNS AND HACIENDAS WERE THE TARGETS OF ARMED ATTACK BY GUERRILLA GROUPS. FURTHER, THE BANCO CUSCATLAN APPEARED TO BE AN ESPECIALLY TEMPTING TARGET: THREE OF ITS OFFICES WERE HIGH UP IN A SINGLE NIGHT. THE DANGER TO THE FOREIGN TRAVELLERS CONTINUES AS EVIDENCED BY GUERRILLA ATTACK ON TWO AMERICAN TRANSITING THE COUNTRY COVERED SEPTEL.
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END OF SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS: THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH THIS WEEK FOLLOW THE "NORMAL" PATTERN. OF THE 101 REPORTED VICTIMS, THREE WERE REPORTED KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES AND 25 BY TERRORIST GROUPS. IN ADDITION SIX SOLDIERS WERE REPORTED KILLED IN CLASHES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. AS ALWAYS THE SLAYERS OF THE MAJORITY A TOTAL OF 67 DEATHS ARE UNKNOWN.
3. INCIDENTS: ON 7/18 THE AIR FORCE BASE AT ILOPANGO AIRPORT SUFFERED A 5 MINUTE BAZOOKA ATTACK. NO PUBLISHED REPORTS OF DAMAGE.
--ON 7/18 IN SAN MIGUEL SECURITY FORCES ATTACKED AN FPL SAFE HOUSE CAPTURING ARMS AND PROPAGANDA AND KILLING TWO
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ALLEGED SUBVERSIVES.
--ON 7/18 NUMEROUS FIREFIGHTS WERE REPORTED IN SECTORS OF SANTA ANA. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
--ON 7/18 IN ORATORIO DE CONCEPCION, CUSCATLAN, THREE SUBVERSIVES CARRYING PROVISION AND MEDICINES, ALLEGEDLY FOR GUERRILLA GROUPS, WERE CAPTURED BY SECURITY FORCES.
--ON 7/19 THE TOWN OF SANTA ELENA, USULUTAN WAS ATTACKED BY ABOUT 35 TERRORISTS WHO DESTROYED THE CITY HALL AND THREE ELECTRICAL TOWERS.
--ON 7/19 NEAR CANTON EL NINO, SAN MIGUEL, TWO ELECTRICAL TOWERS WERE DESTROYED, LEAVING THE CITIES OF SAN MIGUEL AND LA UNION WITHOUT POWER.
--ON 7/19 IN SANTA ANA, THE DETONATION OF BOMBS AT THE OFFICES OF THE WATER AND ELECTRICAL COMPANIES LED TO A SERIES OF BRIEF, SHARP FIREFIGHTS, NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
--ON 7/19 THE TOWN OF JOCOAITIQUE, MORAZAN WAS ATTACKED BY ABOUT 100 EXTREMISTS. SECURITY FORCES REPULSED THE ATTACK, WHICH RESULTED IN AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
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--ON 7/19 IN SANTA ANA, A BOMB DESTROYED A SUPERMARKET.
--ON 7/20 NEAR SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE DISTRICT LA FERMUIA HACIENDA WERE BURNED BY A GROUP OF TERRORIST.
--ON 7/20 NEAR SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSHED BY A TERRORIST GROUP WHO KILLED 5 SOLDIERS AND WOUNDED 10 MORE.
--ON 7/12 NEAR METAPAN.SANTA ANA. TERRORISTS ATTACKED A MILITARY PATROL. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
--ON 7/20 IN SAN SALVADOR BOMBS DESTROYED A PHARMACY AND A SUPERMARKET.
--ON 7/20 IN SAN SALVADOR, A NUMBER OF
ENCOUNTERS OF
SECURITY FORCES WITH TERRORISTS WERE REPORTED. NO FURTHER DETAILS.
--ON 7/22 A HACIENDA NEAR CANTON EL PARAISO, USULUTAN WAS OCCUPIED BY SUBVERSIVES WHO FORCED THE WORKERS TO LISTEN TO A SUBVERSIVE LECTURE, AND THEN STOLE 43 COWS.
--ON 7/22 NEAR YOALIQUIN, MORAZAN. STRONGLY ARMED MEN WERE REPORTED TO BE ROBBING TRAVELERS OF THEIR VALUABLES AND IDENTITY CARDS.
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--ON 7/20 IN SAN SALVADOR A FIREFIGHT BROKE OUT BETWEEN
A NATIONAL POLICE PATROL AND SOME TERRORISTS. ONE TERRORIST
AND A BYSTANDER WERE KILLED.
--ON 7/20 NEAR EL ARCO, SAN VICENTE, A NATIONAL GUARD
PATROL WAS AMBUSHED. ONE GUARDSMAN WAS KILLED.
--ON 7/21 FIREFIGHTS BROKE OUT IN THE CANTONS LOS MORALITOS,
EL ESPINGALERO, AND SAN JACINTO COATEPEQUE, ALL IN SANTA ANA.
DEPARTMENT. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER BECAME CASUALTIES.
--ON 7/21 NEAR SAN JUAN OPICO, LA LIBERTAD, THE LAS GRANA-
DILLAS HACIENDA WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS WHO BURNED A
NUMBER OF BUILDINGS.
--ON 7/21 THE CANTONS SAN MATIAS AND SAN LORENZO, CABANAS,
WERE ATTACKED BY ABOUT 80 SUBVERSIVES WHO WERE REPULSED BY
MILITARY PATROLS. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
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--ON 7/21 NEAR SAN VICENTE, THE PASSENGERS OF A BUS NARROWLY
ESCAPED INJURY WHEN A BOMB WAS THROWN AT THE VEHICLE.
--ON 7/21 IN SAN SALVADOR, A BOMB DESTROYED A BUSINESS THAT
RENTED CATERING EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDED WAITERS. RADIO
VENCEREMOS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE ATTACK FOR LEFTIST FORCES.
--ON 7/22 IN SAN SALVADOR, THE HOUSE OF A MAGISTRATE
WAS MACHINEGUNNED AND BOMBED, CAUSING ONLY MATERIAL
DAMAGE. RADIO VENCEREMOS ALSO TOOK CREDIT FOR THIS ATTACK.
--ON 7/22 NEAR JUTIAPA, CABANAS, A TRUCK CARRYING
PASSENGERS WAS MACHINEGUNNED LEAVING ONE PERSON DEAD AND
ONE WOUNDED.
--ON 7/22 THE CANTON LAS MARANAS, CABANAS WAS ATTACKED BY
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AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ASSAILANTS. A FARMER WAS REPORTED KILLED.
--ON 7/22 A LOCK AT THE LAKE SUCHITLAN RESERVOIR WAS ATTACKED BY TERRORIST WHO SANK A LAUNCH BEFORE BEING REPELLED BY ARMY UNITS.
--ON 7/23 IN SAN SALVADOR, THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE BANCO CUSCATLAN WAS BOMBED. RADIO VENCEREMOS REPORTED THIS AS AN ACTION OF THE FMLN.
--ON 7/23 TWO OTHER BRANCHES OF BANCO CUSCATLAN WERE BOMBED. AGAIN THE FMLN TOOK CREDIT.
--ON 7/23 NEAR LA UNION, A NATIONAL POLICE PATROL WAS ATTACKED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED.
--ON 7/24 NEAR SAN NICOLAS LEMPA, SAN VICENTE, THE GUAYOJO HACIENDA WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS. IN THE RESULTING FIREFIGHT WITH ARRIVING ARMY UNITS, FOUR PERSONS WERE KILLED AND 14 WOUNDED.
--ON 7/24 A PART OF THE CITY OF SAN SALVADOR WAS FOR A TIME WITHOUT POWER DUE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRICAL TOWERS AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION.

4. CREDIT AND BLAME.-- IN ADDITION TO THE EVENTS CITED ABOVE, RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR SOME

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TERRORIST INCIDENTS NOT REPORTED IN THE LOCAL MEDIA. THESE ARE:

1. THE DESTRUCTION ON JULY 19 OF A POWER LINE FROM CERRON GRANDE DAM TO SOYAPANGO.
2. THE SABOTAGE OF SEWAGE FACILITIES IN SAN SALVADOR ON JULY 20.
3. THE DESTRUCTION ON JULY 21 OF AN ELECTRICAL TOWER BETWEEN AHUACHAPAN AND SANTA ANA.

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1. SUMMARY. THE PERSISTENT VIOLENCE THAT AFFLICTS THIS COUNTRY ADDED A REPORTED 136 NEW VICTIMS TO THE ROLLS OF THE DEAD DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION. IT WAS A WEEK OF ESPECIALLY SENSELESS SAVAGERY. THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY GROUPS OF 3-5 BODIES, MANY BEARING MARKS OF TORTURE AND MUTILATION AFTER DEATH, WERE UNCOVERED WITH PATHETIC FREQUENCY. MOST SAVAGE OF THESE CRIMES WAS THE SLAUGHTER IN SANTA ANA OF TEN CIRCUS WORKERS AND CLOWNS BY A RIGHT-WING DEATH SQUAD (REPORTED SEPTEL, NOTAL). TERRORIST INCIDENTS CONSISTED OF A LARGE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTS, MOSTLY DISTRIBUTED IN THE TRADITIONAL BATTLEGROUNDS: MORAZAN, CUSCATLAN, SAN VICENTE, LA UNION AND THE SUBURBS OF THE CAPITAL. THE EXCEPTION WAS AN ATTACK ON A VILLAGE IN AHUACHAPAN, HERETOFORE A VIRTUAL EYE IN THE STORM.
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2. DEATHS. A REPORTED 136 PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING THE WEEK. AS ALWAYS, THE MAJORITY OF VICTIMS, A TOTAL OF 94, MET DEATH AT THE HANDS OF UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. RIGHTWING DEATH SQUADS PUBLICALLY CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR 11 DEATHS, WHILE LEFTIST TERRORISTS HAD 19 MURDERS ASCRIBED TO THEM. IN ADDITION, 12 MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES WERE REPORTED KILLED IN ENGAGEMENTS WITH SUBVERSIVES.
3. INCIDENTS. --ON JULY 25 IN SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT, THE TOWN OF APASTEPEQUE AND SEVERAL OTHER SITES WERE ATTACKED BY GROUPS OF STRONGLY ARMED GUERRILLAS. AT ONE LOCATION, HACIENDA GUAJOYO, SEVEN ARMED DEFENDERS WERE KILLED ALONG WITH SEVERAL WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
--ON JULY 25 IN SANTA ANA, THE RIGHT-WING "MAXIMILIANO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ" DEATH SQUAD CLAIMED "CREDIT" FOR INVADING A CIRCUS
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ENCAMPMENT, KIDNAPPED TEN WORKERS AND CLOWNS, AND MURDERED THEM SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

--ON JULY 25 IN SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN, HARRASSING ATTACKS WERE LAUNCHED BY TERRORIST GROUPS ON THE PRISON WHICH NOW SERVES AS A HOME FOR REFUGEES.

-(ON JULY 25 NEAR SUCHITOT, CUSCATLAN, SEVERAL ELECTRICAL TOWERS WERE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY DYNAMITE.

--ON JULY 26 NEAR YOLOAIQUIN, MORAZAN, A NATIONAL GUARD PATROL WAS AMBUSHED BY A GUERRILLA GROUP WHO KILLED ONE GUARDSMAN BEFOGE RETIRING.

--ON JULY 26 NEAR CANTON VALLE GRANDE, TECOLUCA, SAN VACENTE A NATIONAL GUARD PATROL WAS AMBUSHED BY A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES WHO KILLED AT LEAST ONE GUARDSMAN BEFORE BEING REPULSED.

--ON JULY 26 NEAR CANTON HATO NUEVO, SAN MIGUEL, TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE ATTACKED FROM TRUCKS CARRYING STRONGLY ARMED MEN. (REPORTED SEPTEL NOTAL). THE AMERICANS ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY.

--ON JULY 26 NEAR CANTON LA BERMUDA, CUSCATLAN, THE PIPELINE

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SERVING THE TOWN OF SUCHITOTO WAS DYNAMITED LEAVING THE MUNICIPALITY WITHOUT A SUPPLY OF FRESH WATER.

--ON JULY 26, THE TOWN OF JUJUTLA, AHUACHAPAN, WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF WELL-ARMED SUBVERSIVES. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.

--ON JULY 26 THE CANTON SAN NICOLAS, NEAR SENSUNTEPEQUE, CABANAS, WAS INVADED BY A GROUP OF EXTREMISTS WHO RUSTLED A NUMBER OF CATTLE.

--ON JULY 27 NEAR CANTON SANTA OZAFA, CABANAS, GUERRILLAS OPENED FIRE ON A BUS, WOUNDING FOUR PASSENGERS.

--ON JULY 27 IN SAN SALVADOR, THE CUARTEL SAN CARLOS (NEAR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY) WAS ATTACKED WITH BAZOOKAS. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.

--ON JULY 27 IN THE SUBURB OF CIUDAD DELGADO, A STRONG FIREFIGHT WAS REPORTED. NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE.

--ON JULY 27 IN THE SUBURB OF ZACAMIL, A STOLEN AMERICAN EMBASSY VEHICLE WAS DESTROYED BY DYNAMITE (SEPTEL NOTAL).

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--ON JULY 27, A STRONG FIREFIGHT WAS REPORTED IN THE SAN SALVADOR SUBURB OF SAN ANTONIO ABAD.
--ON JULY 27 IN LA GARITA, SAN SALVADOR DEPARTMENT, A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND GUERRILLAS LEFT ONE CIVILIAN DEAD.
--ON JULY 27 NEAR SAN ESTEBAN, SAN VICENTE, AN EXPLODING LANDMINE KILLED ONE SOLDIER AND WOUNDED A SECOND.
--ON JULY 28 NEAR TECOLUCA, SAN VICENTE, GUERRILLAS FIRED UPON A PASSING BUS, KILLING THREE PASSENGERS AND WOUNDING 15 MORE.
--ON JULY 28 THE NATIONAL GUARD POST IN FUENTE NEGRO, SAN VICENTE WAS ATTACKED BY SUBVERSIVES. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
--ON JULY 28, IN THE CAPITAL SUBURB OF CIUDAD DELGADO, A BOMB DESTROYED THE HOME OF A MILITARY OFFICER, LEADING TO A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND THE PLANTERS OF THE DEVICE. NO REPORTS OF DEAD OR WOUNDED.
--ON JULY 28 IN SAN SALVADOR, SHORT, SHARP FIREFIGHTS WERE REPORTED
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AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF TWO ELECTRICAL TOWERS. AGAIN, NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
--ON JULY 29 ON THE PAN-AMERICAN HIGHWAY NEAR CANTON EL JUNQUILLAL, SAN VICENTE, A NATIONAL GUARD TRUCK WAS AMBUSHED RESULTING IN THE WOUNDING OF AT LEAST THREE GUARDSMEN.
--ON JULY 29 NEAR CIUDAD ARCE, () - 187345-$, A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
--ON JULY 29 NEAR THE CITY OF LA UNION, A TRAIN WAS DERAILED BY GUERRILLAS WHO DYNAMITED THE RIGHT OF WAY.
--ON JULY 29 IN SANTA ANA THE OFFICES OF THE BANCO DE FOMENTO AGROPECUARIO WERE DESTROYED BY A BOMB.
--ON JULY 29 IN SANTA ANA A BOMB DESTROYED A SUPERMARKET,
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WOUNDING FOUR PERSONS.
--ON JULY 29 NEAR MAQUIGUE, LA UNION, ARMED MEN STOPPED A TRAIN AND ROBBED THE ENGINEER.
--ON JULY 30 IN SAN VICENTE, RADIO LORENZANA WAS TAKEN OVER BY A GROUP OF EXTREMISTS WHO FORCED THE EMPLOYEES TO PLAY A FAVORITE PROPAGANDA TAPE.
--ON JULY 31, NEAR CANTON TAMUILAPA, SANTA ANA, A BUS WAS ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS, LEAVING EIGHT PERSONS WOUNDED.
--ON JULY 31 IN ARMENIA, SONSONATE, SECURITY FORCES DISCOVERED AN FPL SAFE HOUSE IN WHICH WAS FOUND THE MUMMIFIED REMAINS OF A SCHOOLTEACHER WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED A YEAR AGO.
--ON JULY30, THE SANTA ANITA BRIDGE OVER THE RIO GRANDE IN SAN MIGUEL WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED BY GUERRILLAS WHO PLANTED DYNAMITE ON THE STRUCTURE UNDER COVER OF EARLY MORNING DARKNESS.
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1. SUMMARY: EL SALVADOR PAUSED LAST WEEK TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ITS PATRON, THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD, AND SO IT APPEARED DID MANY OF THOSE WHO PLY THE TERRORIST TRADE. ALTHOUGH A TOTAL OF 91 PERSONS WERE MURDERED DURING THE WEEK, THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SOME OF THESE MURDERS RESULTED FROM DRUNKEN HOLIDAY REVELRY. THE NUMBER OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS WAS ALSO DOWN. HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF THESE ATTACKS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S MENACED AND FALTERING ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. END SUMMARY.

2. DEATHS: A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 91 PERSONS WERE KILLED
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DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION. OF THE TOTAL, TWO MURDERS WERE ATTRIBUTED TO OPERATIVES OF THE FPL AND TWO MORE APPEARED TO BE THE WORK OF THE MAXIMILIANO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ RIGHT WING DEATH SQUAD. THE KILLERS OF THE MAJORITY, A TOTAL OF 87, COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED, THOUGH SOME APPEAR TO HAVE DIED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECTED WITH DRUNKEN HOLIDAY REVELRY RATHER THAN TERRORISM.

3. INCIDENTS:

--ON AUGUST 1 PRESS REPORT INDICATES THAT A NUMBER OF ELECTRICAL TOWERS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY GUERRILLAS ACTION, LEAVING LARGE STRETCHES WITHOUT POWER.

--ON AUGUST 1 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB DESTROYED A SUPERMARKET.

--ON AUGUST 1 NEAR QUEZALTEPEQUE, LA LIBERTAD A NATIONAL

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GUARD PATROL WAS AMBUSHED BY AGROUP OF TERRORIST. THE INCIDENT LEFT AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF CASUALTIES.
--ON AUGUST 3 IN SANTO DOMINGO, SAN VICENTE, A BOMB SEVERELY DAMAGED AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION.
--ON AUGUST 4 IN SAN SALVADOR A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES ATTACKED AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION. SOLDIERS GUARDING THE SITE REPULSED THE ATTACK WITHOUT EITHER SIDE SUFFERING CASUALTIES.
--ON AUGUST 4 IN SAN SALVADOR ANOTHER ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION WAS ATTACKED BY AN ARMED GROUP WHICH, UPON BEING REPULSED BY SOLDIERS, VENTED THEIR FRUSTRATION BY A DETONATION A BOMB IN THE ADJOINING NEIGHBORHOOD.
--ON AUGUST 4 IN ISTEPEQUI, SAN VICENTE AN ELECTRICAL GENERATING PLANT WAS DESTROYED BY GUERRILLAS WHO INVADED THE FACILITY.
--ON AUGUST 6 A SERIES OF FIREFIGHTS WERE REPORTED NEAR THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE POLICIA DE HACIENDA AND IN THE SUBURBS OF MEJICANOS, SAN ANTONIO ABAD, CUSCATANCINGO, AND AYUTUSTEPEQUE.
--ON AUGUST 7 NEAR CANTON CUNQUYAL, SAN VICENTE A MILITARY

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PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY A SQUAD OF TERRORISTS. ONE WOMAN BYSTANDER WAS KILLED IN THE RESULTING CROSSFIRE.
--ON AUGUST 7IN SAN SALVADOR, POLICIA DE HACIENDA SOURCES INDICATED THAT A GUERRILLA ARSENAL HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN A HOUSE OWNED BY ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PRIESTS OF THE LOCAL DIOCESE. (COVERT SEPTEL).
--ON AUGUST 8 IN SAN MIGUEL, THE MILITARY QUARTEL WAS THE SCENE OF A ROCKET ATTACK WHICH MISSED THE STRUCTURE AND INSTEAD DAMAGED SEVERAL NEARBY HOUSES.
4. CREDIT AND BLAME: IN ADDITION TO THE INCIDENTS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, THE CLANDESTINE RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED THE FOLLOWING TERRORIST ACHIEVEMENTS. (NOTE: NO CONFIRMATION OF THESE EVENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED).
(A) THE ROBBERY OF 24,000 COLONES ($9,600 AMERICAN) FROM A TRUCK OWNED BY THE LOCAL CIGARETTE COMPANY ON JULY 24.
(B) ATTACKS ON THE GARRISON OF CANTON JUCUARAN, USULUTAN ON JULY 26, JULY 28, AND JULY 29.
(C) THE JULY 28 BOMBING OF THE TWO STORES IN SANTA ANA, ONE ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY A DEATH SQUAD COLLABORATOR.
(D) THE JULY 29 DESTRUCTION OF THE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION TOWERS NEAR EL TRANSITO, SAN MIGUEL.
(E) THE JULY 30 TAKING OF CANTON EL PABLON, MORAZAN.
(F) THE AUGUST 1 DYNAMITING OF A BRIDGE IN CANTON TRINIDAD, MORAZAN.
FINALLY, A LATE NEWS ITEM IN "EL MUNDO" FOR JULY 31 INDICATED THAT THE RIGHT-WING "MAXIMILIANO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ" DEATH SQUAD CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE MURDER IN SAN MIGUEL OF ONE LIZANDRO ARAYA "BECAUSE HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MNR)".
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1. SUMMARY: VIOLENCE WEEK IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION WAS CHARACTERIZED BY THE FAMILIAR PATTERN OF RANDOM KILLINGS--AT LEAST 101 BY OUR COUNT MADE FROM PUBLISHED SOURCES. APART FROM A RASH OF BOMBINGS, THE WEEK WAS NOTABLE FOR A HIGH NUMBER, AS ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, OF SHOOTOUTS BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND VARIOUS SECURITY FORCES. THE CLANDESTINE RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR SOME OF THESE ACTIONS AND REPORTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS NOT REPORTED IN THE PRESS.
2. DEATHS: THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH THIS WEEK FOLLOW THE NORMAL PATTERN. OF THE 101 REPORTED VICTIMS, 12 WERE
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REPORTEDLY THE VICTIMS OF LEFTIST TERROR. IN ADDITION 24 SOLDIERS WERE REPORTED KILLED IN CLASHES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. AS ALWAYS, A MAJORITY OF THE VICTIMS, A TOTAL OF 80, MET DEATH AT THE HANDS OF UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS FOR UNKNOWN REASONS.
3. INCIDENTS:
--ON 8/8 NEAR CANTON PEDREGALES SAN VICENTE, GUERRILLAS DISCHARGED A BOMB ON A BRIDGE ON THE PAN-AMERICAN HIGHWAY LEADING TO A SHOOT-OUT WITH SECURITY FORCES. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES RESULTED.
--ON 8/9 IN ANA A BOMB SEVERELY DAMAGED A PRIVATE HOME.
--ON 8/9 IN SANTA ANA ANOTHER BOMB DESTROYED A SUPERMARKET.
--ON 8/9 NEAR CANTON SANTA GERTRUDIS, SAN VICENTE, A TRAIN WAS DERAILED BY GUERRILLA FORCES, CAUSING SEVERE
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DAMAGE TO THE LOCOMOTIVE. RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THIS VENTURE.
--ON 8/9 NEAR CASERIC AND CANTON EL RINCON, CABANAS A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY SUBVERSIVES. TWO CIVILIANS DIED IN THE RESULTING CROSSFIRE.
--ON 8/9 IN TENANCINGO, CUSCATLAN A GUARD POST WAS ATTACKED BY SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS.
--ON 8/9 NEAR CANTON LA ZORRA, CUSCATLAN AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION WAS DEMOLISHED BY GUERRILLA*S.
--ON 8/9 NEAR SENSUNTEPEQUE, CABANAS A FIREFIGHT BROKE OUT BETWEEN GOVERMENT AND GUERRILLA FORCES LEAVING ONE GUERRILLA DEAD.
--ON 8/9 IN SANTA ANA THE DISCOVERY BY SECURITY FORCES OF A TERRORIST CELL IN A HOUSE LED TO A FIREFIGHT IN WHICH A BYSTANDER WAS KILLED.
--ON 8/9 THE CANTON EL TRANSITO, NEAR TONACATEPEQUE, SAN SALVATOR WAS *NVADED BY TERRORIST WHO KILLED THREE PEASANTS THEY ACCUSED OF AIDING THE SECURITY FORCES.
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--ON 8/10 NEAR CHAPETIQUE, SAN MIGUEL A BOMB THROWN INTO A PRIVATE HOME WOUNDED 4 PERSONS.
--ON 8/10 NEAR CANTON LA TRINIDAD, SAN MIGUEL A HIGHWAY BRIDGE WAS DYNAMITED BY TERRORIST.
--ON 8/10 OUTSIDE THE CITY OF SAN VICENTE A MILITARY CONVOY WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLA ARMED WITH BAZOOKAS. THREE SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED.
--ON 8/10 NEAR SANTA CLARA, SAN VICENTE A CLASH BETWEEN SUBVERSIVES AND SOLDIERS LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
--ON 8/10 NEAR EL GAVILAN, LA UNION ANOTHER CLASH BETWEEN SOLDIERS AND SUBVERSIVES LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF DEAD AND WOUNDED.
--ON 8/10 NEAR SANTA ROSA DE LIMA, LA UNION SEVERAL PASSENGERS WERE WOUNDED WHEN A BUS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS.
--ON 8/10 THE CANTON EL PORTERO, CABANAS WAS INVADED BY 20 GUERRILLAS WHO LOOTED HOUSES AND STORES AND THEN ALSO WITH A NUMBER OF PICKUPS.
--ON 8/10 NEAR LA CRUZATILLA DE SAN JUAN, USULUTAN THE RAILROAD RIGHT-OF WAY WAS DYNAMITED, INTERRUPTING TRAFFIC.
--ON 8/10 NEAR CANTON EL JOCO SAN VICENTE A SHORT FIGHT WAS REPORTED BETWEEN SUBVERSIVES AND SECURITY FORCES. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
--ON 8/10 IN JIQUILISCO USULU*AN A GROUP OF TERRORISTS OPENED FIRE FROM A PICK UP KILLING ONE PASSERBY.
ON 8/10 IN PERQUIN MORAZAN A BATTLE DEVELOPED BETWEEN GOVERMENT FORCES GUARDING THE TOWN AND GUERRILLA UNITS. THE GUERRILLA RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED ITS FORCES HAD CAPTURED THE TOWN, WHILE GOVERMENT SOURCES DENIED THE CHARGE.
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--ON 8/12 NEAR JOCORO, MORAZAN AN ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND GUERRILLA FORCES LEFT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS DEAD.
--ON 8/12 IN SANTA ANA A BOMB DESTROYED A HOUSE. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
--ON 8/10 IN THE SAN SALVADOR SUBURB OF SOYAPANGO THE DISCOVERY OF TERRORIST CELL LED TO A SHARP GUNBATTLE. THREE TERRORIST WERE CAPTURED AND THE HOUSE WAS LATER DESTROYED BY DYNAMITE.
-- ON 8/11 NEAR THE TOWNS OF JOCOCITIQUE AND TOLOAIQUIN, MORAZAN ACCESS WAS OBSTRUCTED BY GUERRILLAS WHO PLACED BARRIERS AND MINES ON THE APPROACH ROADS.
--ON 8/11 THE TOWN OF SAN JUAN GUAYABAL, CUSCATLAN SUFFERED A FIVE HOUR ATTACK BY TERRORIST. FOUR CIVILIANS WERE REPORTED KILLED IN THE RAY.
--ON 8/12 IN THE CANTON SAN FELIPE, SAN VICENTE A GROUP
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ALLEGED TO BE TERRORIST WAS SURPRISED IN THE ACT OF STEALING TIRES FROM VARIOUS VEHICLES. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER WERE KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES.
--ON 8/12 IN SAN SALVADOR TWO BOMBS WERE EXPLODED IN OR JUST OUTSIDE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE. MARIO VENCERAMOS LATER STATED THAT THE FMLN TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BLAST.
--ON 8/13 NEAR CANTON LOS PLANES, USULUTAN GUERRILLAS THREW A GRENADE AT *A TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS, AMONG THEM MEMBERS O* THE NATIONAL GUARD. TWO PERSONS WERE KILLED AND 11 WOUNDED.
-- ON 8/13 NEAR QUEZALTEPQUE, LA LIBERTAD A FIREFIGHT
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DEVELOPED BETWEEN EXTREMIST AND SECURITY FORCES. ONE PASSING MOTORIST WAS KILLED.
--ON 8/13 SIX BOMBS WERE DETONATED IN SAN SALVADOR. RADIO VENCEREMOS SAID THAT THE FPL CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE INCIDENTS
--ON 8/13 IN THE SAN SALVADOR SUBURB OF SAN MARCOS A SHARP FIREFIGHT LEFT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
ON 8/13 NEAR SANTA CLARA, SAN VICENTE A GUERRILLA AMBUSH UNA POLICIA DE HACIENDA VEHICLE RESULTED IN ONE DEATH AND A UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF WOUNDED.
--ON 8/13 NEAR CANTON AMAPALITA, LA UNION, A GUERRILLA AMBUSH OF A MILITARY PATROL LEFT ONE SOLDIER DEAD AND ONE WOUNDED
--ON 8/13 NEAR SANTA ANITA, SAN MIGUEL A GROUP OF EXTREMIST INVOLVED IN THE COLLECTION OF WAR TAXES FROM PASSING TRAVELERS WERE SURPRISED BY SECURITY FORCES. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES RESULTED.
--ON 8/14 NEAR JICALISCO, USULUTAN TERRORIST MACHINEGUNNED A BUS KILLING ONE PERSON AND WOUNDING SEVEN OTHERS.
--ON 8/14 FIVE BOMBS WERE DISEG WERE DETONATED ARIOUS SECTORS OF SAN SALVADOR. RADIO VENCEREMOS REPORTED THAT THE FMLN TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXPLOIT.
--ON 8/14 NEAR LAS CONCHAS, SAN MIGUEL A FIREFIGHT RESULTED
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IN THE DEATH OF ONE PERSON ATTEMPTING TO HIDE FROM THE FIRE IN HIS HOUSE.
--ON 8/15 NEAR SANTA ROSA DE LIMA, MORAZAN ARMY UNITS SURPRISED GUERRILLAS STOPPING TRAFFIC FOR THE COLLECTION OF WAR TAXES. NO REPORTS AS TO CASUALTIES.
4. CREDIT ANY CLAIM. IN ADDITION TO THE INCIDENTS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, THE CLANDESTINE RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED THE FOLLOWING TERRORIST" ACHIEVEMENTS (NOTE: NO CONFIRMATION OF THESE EVENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED.)
(A) THE SABOTAGE OF TELEPHONE AND POWER LINES NEAR SANTA ROSA, SAN VICENTE ON AUGUST 8.
(B) THE AMBUSH ON AUGUST 10 OF A PATROL NEAR SOCIEDAD, MORAZAN.
(C) THE AMBUSH ON AUGUST 10 OF A MILITARY PATROL NEAR POLICAR, SAN MIGUEL.
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TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, ES
SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW AUGUST 15-22
1. SUMMARY: UNUSUAL SAVAGERY MARKED THE POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION, IGNORED BY TWO RECENT MASSACRES. A LEFTIST TERRORIST ATTACK ON A BUS IN USULUTAN DEPARTMENT CLAIMED 20 LIVES. WHILE UNKNOWN FORCES LITTERED THE SANTA ANA COUNTRYSIDE WITH 34 DECAPITATED VICTIMS. AMONG INDIVIDUAL VICTIMS WAS DR. ROSA JUDITH CISNEROS, HEAD OF THE SALVADORAN DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION AND AN ASSOCIATE OF MANY EMBASSY STAFFERS. FURTHERMORE, A GUERRILLA OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE COEALRY'S ELECTRICAL POWER GRID LEFT AREAS OF THE CAPITAL AND ITS ENVIRONS WITHOUT POWER AND WATER FOR THE BETTER PART OF THREE DAYS. IT WAS DURING THE WEEK THAT THE JULY 30 KILLINGS IN ARMENIA CAME TO LIGHT
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TWO SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS AND DISSAPEARANCES: AT LEAST 114 NON-MILITARY PERSONS FELL VICTIM TO THIS COUNTRY'S CALDRON OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE. IN ADDITION, AT LEAST ELEVEN SOLDIERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES WERE REPORTED (PUBLICLY, IN THE NEWSPAPERS, SYMPATHY COLUMNS), AS KILLED IN ACTION. OF THE 114 VICTIMS CIVILIAN, 27 WERE PROBABLY KILLED BY THE LEFTIST FORCES, WHILE THE FIGHTING DEATH SQUAD LEFT ITS MARK (LITERALLY) ON TWO VICTIMS. AS ALWAYS, THE KILLERS OF THE MAJORITY, 85 IN NUMBER, REMAIN UNKNOWN. OF THIS LAST QUANTITY, 48 PERSONS SUFFERED DEATH BY DECAPITATION, 34 OF THEM AT NEIGHBORING SITES IN SANTA ANA DEPARTMENT. A PERUSAL OF THE VICTIMS AT OCCUPATION YIELDS THE FOLLOWING

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INFORMATION:

1 VENDOR	1 CIVIL DEFENSE GUARD
8 DAY LABORERS	2 DRIVERS
1 SHOEMAKER	1 MECHANIC
1 CATTLE HANDLER	3 EMPLOYEES
6 FARMERS	1 SHEET METAL WORKER
1 LAWYER	1 BELTMAKER
4 STUDENTS	1 OFF-DUTY SOLDIER (POSSIBLY MORE ON THE JUCUARAN BUS)
1 MASON	77 UNKNOWN
4 CAMPESINO	114 TOTAL

A BREAKDOWN OF THE AGES OF THE VICTIMS PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

A. AGE 17 AND UNDER	9
B. AGES 18-25	13
C. AGES 26-35	18
D. AGES 36-50	11
E. AGES 50-AND OVER	7
F. UNKNOWN	56

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AS A FINAL NOTE THE LOCAL PRESS REPORTED THE KIDNAPPING OR DISSAPEARANCE OF 24 PERSONSN, FOUR OF THESE ALLEGDLY (BY THEIR FAMILIES) BY THE ARMED FORCES OR SECURITY FORCES.

3. SPECIAL NOTE: AMONG THE VICTIMS OF THIS WEEK'S VIOLENCE WAS DR. ROSA JUDITH CISNEROS, DIRECTOR OF THE SALVADORAN DEMOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION AND AN ASSOCIATE OF SEVERAL EMBASSY STAFFERS. AN INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY THE MISSION SECURITY OFFICE DETERMINED THAT DR. CISNEROS WAS MURDERED BY FIVE YOUNG MEN WHOSE AGE AND MODUS OPERANDI MARKED THEM AS DEFTIS TERRORIST.

4. INCIDENTS:

--ON 8/16 NEAR SAN RAFAEL CEDROS, CUSCATLAN A HIGHWAY BRIDGE WAS DESTROYED BY DINAMITE.

--ON 8/16 IN SAN SALVADOR BOMBS DESTROYED TWO TELEPHONE SWITCHING BOXES IN SEPARATE AREAS OF THE CAPITAL.

--ON 8/15 IN SAN MIGUEL THE CUARTEL OF THE 3RD INFANTRY BRIGADE WAS ATTACKED BY AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF MEN. NO DETAILS AS TO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

--ON 8/15 NEAR SAN MIGUEL A HIGHWAY BRIDGE WAS DESTROYED BY DINAMITE, BLOCKING ACCESS TO THE CITY ALONG THAT ROUTE.

--ON 8/17 NEAR NEJAPA, SAN SALVADOR A FREIGHT TRAIN WAS STOPPED BY TERRORIST WHO PLACED A BODY ACROSS THE TRACKS TO EFFECT THE STOPAGGE. THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO COLLECT WAR TAXES FROM THE PASSENGERS AND CREW.

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--ON 8/17 IN AND AROUND SAN SALVADOR AT LEAST 8 ELECTRICAL
POWERS WERE DESTROYED BY TERRORISTS, LEAVING LARGE STRETCHES
OF THE CAPITAL WITHOUT POWER AND WATER FOR UP TO THREE DAYS.
--ON 8/17 NEAR CANTON MILANGO, CUSCATLAN A GUERRILLA FORCE
ATTACKED A MILITARY PATROL, INFLICTING AN UNDETERMINED
NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
--ON 8/18 THE CANTONS SAN NICOLAS AND LA ENCARNACION,
LA LIBERTAD WERE ATTACKED BY EXTREMEIST GROUPS WHO KILLED
AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CAMPESINOS.
--ON 8/18 BETWEEN SAN VICENTE AND ZACATECOLUCA TERRORIST
WERE REPORTED DOWNING TELEGRAPHS AND ELCTRICAL TRANS-
MISSION POLES.
-- ON 8/18 IN SAL SALVADOR A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE BARRIO
LOURDES NEIGHBORHOOD, WOUNDING 4 PERSONS.
--ON 8/18 IN SAN ESTEBAN CATARINA, SAN VICENTE GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A
GROUP OF CAMPESINOS ON THEIR WAY TO WORK IN THE
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FIELDS,
KILLING THREE AND WOUNDING ONE.
--ON 8/18 IN EL LLANO LARGO, CABANAS A MILITARY CONVOY
ESCORTING CAMPESINOS TO TOWN FOR SHOPPING WAS ATTACKED BY
GUERRILLAS. TWO SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED
AND THREE CIVILIAN WOMEN AND UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS
WERE KILLED.
--ON 8/18 ON THE HACIENDA ACHICHILCO, SAN VICENTE, AL
BOMB WAS EXPLODED BELOW A PASSING TRACTOR, WOUNDING THE
DRIVER.
--ON 8/18 THE SALVADORAN ARMY RECAPTURED THE TOWN OF PERQUIN
MORAZAN, WHICH HAD BEEN IN GUERRILLA HANDS SINCE AUGUST 10.
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NEWS REPORTS SAY THAT AT LEAST 14 SOLDIERS AND NUMEROUS GUERRILLAS DIED IN THE ENCOUNTER.
--ON 8/19 IN SAN VICENTE THREE BOMBS WERE DETONATED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY.
--ON 8/19 NEAR SAN FELIPE, SAN VICENTE A VEHICLE OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE WAS MACHINEGUNNED BY TERRORISTS, KILLING ONE PASSENGER.
--ON 8/19 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB DAMAGED AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION, PLUNGING A LARGE AREA OF THE CITY INTO DARK-
--ON 8/19 IN THE CAPITAL SUBURB OF SOYAPANGO HEAVY FIRING WAS REPORTED. NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.
--ON 8/19 IN COJUTEPEQUE, CUSCATLAN DEA NATIONAL GUARD POST SUFFERED A TWENTY MINUTE MACHINEGUN AND BAZOOKA ATTACK WITH NEITHER SIDE SUFFERING CASUALTIES.
--ON 8/19 IN THE CAPITAL SUBURB OF CIUDAD DELGADO A STREET LIGHT WAS FELLED BY TERRORIST, INTERRUPING ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THE VICINITY.
--ON 8/20 NEAR YOLOAIQUIN MORAZAN A BRIDGE WAS DETONATED BY DINAMITE, HAMPERING ACCESS TO THE NORTHEST PART OF THE DEPARTMENT.
--ON 8/20 NEAR CANTON AMAYO, LA LIBERTAD ARMY TROOPS

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DISCOVERED AND DISMANTLED AN UNNOCUPIED GUERRILLA ENCAMP-MENT, RECOVERING ARMS, MEDICINES, AND FOOD.
--ON 8/20 IN SAN SALVADOR SECURITY FORCES DISCOVERED A CLANDESTINE PRINTING PRESS AND SIZABLE AMOUNTS OF FPL LITERATURE IN A PRIVATE HOME.
--ON 8/20 NEAR JUCUARAN, USULUTAN A BUS WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF TERRORIST ARMED WITH GRENADES AND GUNS. TWENTY PERSONS DIED IN THE ATROCITY AND 18 MORE WERE WOUNDED.
-- ON 8/20 IN THE CAPITAL SUBURB OF CIUDAD DELGADO MASKED BANDITS PASSED THE TIME SHOOTING OUT THE TIRES OF BUSES, TRUCKS, AND CARS.
--ON 8/20 IN SANTA ANA TWO PROPAGANDA BOMBS DETONATED WITHOUT ACCIDENT.
--ON 8/21 IN SAN SALVADOR SECURITY FORCES DISCOVERED A GUERRILLA SAFEHOUSE OF THE FPL AND ERP IN WHICH WERE FOUND UNIFORMS, ARMS, MEDICINES, AND AMUNITION.
--ON 8/21 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB WAS DETONATED IN ANOTHER ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION, LEAVING A WIDE AREA WITHOUT POWER FOR SEVERAL DAYS.
--ON 8/21 IN SANTA ANA THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WERE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY A BOMB. NO ONE WAS INJURED.
5. A VIGNETTE: THE SAN SALVADOR DAILIES FOR AUGUST [illegible] BORE THE STORY OF FOUR TEENAGERS WHO HAD MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM THE GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENT AFTER HAVING BEEN KIDNAPPED AT GUNPOINT IN SAN SALVADOR. A CLASH NEAR THE CAMP BETWEEN THEIR CAPTORS AND AN ARMY PATROL HAD ENABLED

THEY TO CRAWL AWAY INTO THE BUSH. THEY STATED THAT OTHER KIDNAPPED YOUTHS WERE STILL HELD BY THE GUERRILLAS. THE INCIDENT DEMONSTRATE THAT THE GUERRILLA INSURGENCY HERE MUST INCLUDE IMPRESSMENT AS A MEANS TO OBTAIN NEEDED MANPOWER.
6. ARMENIA. DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS REPORT TWO U.S. REPORTERS WROTE IN DETAILS ABOUT THE JULY 30 MURDERS OF

FIFTEEN MINISTERS AND FORTY-TWO PEOPLE IN THE TOWN OF ARMENIA, IN SONSONATE. CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE SALVADORAN ARMY INVOLVEMENT.
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE CREEK IN REVIEW AUGUST 22-28
1. SUMMARY. THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR WAS MARKED BY AN UPSURGE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION. THE BODIES OR BODY PARTS OF AT LEAST 172 VICTIMS WERE DISCOVERED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. MANY REMAINS DISPLAYED MARKS OF TORTURE. IN ADDITION AT LEAST 27 INDIVIDUALS DISSAPEARED. AS FOR REPORTED TERRORIST INCIDENTS, THE DEPARTMENTS OF SAN VICENTE AND CABANAS WERE PARTICULARLY HARD HIT. WHILE THE CAPITAL SUFFERED A NEW BASH OF BOMBINGS.
2. DEATHS AND DISSAPEARANCES: AT LEAST 172 PERSONS FELL VICTIM TO THE CONTINUED SPIRAL OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN THIS COUNTRY.
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IN ADDITION THE DEATHS IN ACTION OF FIVE SOLDIERS WAS PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE PRESS. OF THE 172 VICTIMS, 21 WERE PROPERLY KILLED BY LEFTIST FORCES, WHILE THE SECURITY FORCES WERE JUDGED RESPONSIBLE FOR THREE DEATHS. THE KILLERS OF THE MAJORITY, 148 IN NUMBER, REMAIN UNKNOWN. A BREAKDOWN OF THE VICTIMS BY OCCUPATION YIELDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

8 CAMPESINOS	1 OFF-DUTY SOLDIER
1 TEACHER	1 BUS FARE COLLECTOR
5 LABORERS	5 EMPLOYEES
1 BAKER	1 RADIO ANNOUNCER
1 HOUSEWIFE	2 DRIVERS
2 NIGHT WATCHMEN	3 STUDENTS
1 WAITRESS	2 STREET VENDORS
4 CIVILIAN MILITIAMEN	3 MERCHANTS

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1 OFF-DUTY TREASURY
POLICEMEN 124 UNKNOWN
TOTAL 172

A BREAKDOWN OF THE APPROXIMATE AGES OF THE VICTIMS PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

A. AGE 17 AND UNDER 7
B. AGES 18-25 43
C. AGES 26-35 15
D. AGES 36-50 10
E. AGES 51 AND OVER 1
F. UNKNOWN 96
TOTAL 172

AS A FINAL NOTE THE LOCAL PRESS REPORTED THE KIDNAPPING OR DISAPPEARANCE OF AFURTHER 37 PERSONS, ONE OF THESE ALLEGEDLY (BY THE FAMILY) BY THE ARMY.

3. INCIDENTS:

--ON 8/23 NEAR LAS CUEVITAS, SAN VICENTE A TRUCK CARRYING
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CIVILIANS AND PATRULLEROS AS PASSENGERS WAS BOMBED BY TERRORIST. FOUR PERSONS DIED AND FIVE WERE WOUNDED IN THE ASSAULT.

--ON 8/24 IN SAN SALVADOR A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY TERRORIST. ONE SUBVERSIVE WAS REPORTED WOUNDED IN THE ENCOUNTER.

--ON 8/24 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE AGENCIA TROPIGAS, A VENDOR OF GAS-POWERED APPARATI, DESTROYING THE STORE AND DAMAGING OTHER BUSINESSMAN IN THE AREA.

--ON 8/24 NEAR TECOLUCA, SAN VICENTE THE "GUAJOYO" HACIENDA WAS ATTACKED BY A LARGE GROUP OF TERRORIST WHO KILLED ONE SOLDIER AND FIVE CIVILIAN AND LEFT AND LEFT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PEOPLE WOUNDED BEFORE WITHDRAWING.

--ON 8/24 IN NUEVO TEPETIPAN, SAN VICENTE A FORCE OF 12 PATRULLEROS WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF EXTREMISTAS, ONE PATRULLERO WAS WOUNDED.

--ON 8/24 NEAR CERRO RAMIREZ, SAN VICENTE A GROUP OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILAS. NO CONFIRMED REPORTS OF CASUALTIES WAS RECEIVED.

--ON 8/24 OUTSIDE SAN VICENTE GUERRILLAS ATTEMPTING TO PLANT BOMBS AND FABRICATES ON THE HIGHWAY WERE DRIVEN OFF BY SECURITY FORCES WITHOUT EITHER SIDE SUFFERING LOSS.

--ON 8/24 NEAR SUCHITOTO, STRONG ENGAGEMENTS WERE REPORTED WITH GUERRILLA FORCES. THE CLANDESTINE RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED THAT SUCHITOTO WAS HELD VIRTUALLY, UNDER SIEGE.

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--ON 8/25 NEAR JICILISCO, USULUTAN A HACIENDA POLICE CONVOY WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS WHO KILLED ON POLICEMAN AND WOUNDED ANOTHER BEFORE WITHDRAWING WITHOUT LOSS.
--ON 8/25 THE HAMLETS OF VALLE LA TRINIDAD AND CASERIO EL PORTILLO, CABANAS WERE ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS WHO LEFT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF DEAD AND WOUNDED IN BOTH PLACES.
--ON 8/25 NEAR VILLA DOLORES, CABANAS A BUS WAS MACHINEGUNNED BY SUBVERSIVES. ONE PERSON WAS KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK.
--ON 8/25 THE TOWN OF CANTON LA TRINIDAD WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS WHO,ACCORDING TO NEWS ACCOUNTS, ENGAGED IN ROBBERY AND RAPE.
--ON 8/25 NEAR THE TOWNS OF EL LIMON AND EL TORO CABANAS A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSHED. ONE PATROLLERO AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF TERRORIST DIED IN THE RESULTING FIRE.
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--ON 8/26 OUTSIDE CANTON SAN EMILGIO GUADALUPE, SAN VICENTE A GROUP OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS ON THE WAY TO WORK WERE ATTACKED BY EXTREMIST. TWO WORKERS DIED ON THE WAY TO UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF WOUNDED.
--ON 8/26 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB DESTROYED AN ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER NEAR THE GOVERNMENT CENTER LIVING A PORTION OF THE CAPITAL WITHOUT POWER.
--ON 8/26 NEAR PUERTO EL TRIUNFO, USULUTAN THE "CORRAL DE MULAS" HACIENDA WAS ATTACKED BY ABOUT 60 UNIFORMED GUERRILLAS WHO LEFT ONE DEAD AND SIX WOUNDED IN THEIR WAKE.
--ON 8/26 IN SAN MIGUEL A GASOLINE STATION WAS BOMBED AND MACHINEGUNNED. RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR
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THE ACHIEVENT IN WHICH ONE ATTENDANT WAS WOUNDED.
--ON 8/26 IN THE CAPITAL SUBURBS OF SOYAPANGO A BOMB BROUGHT DOWN AN ELECTRICAL TOWER, PLUNGING A LARGE AREA OF THE CAPITAL INTO DARKNESS.
--ON 8/27 THE CANTON GUALACHE, USULUTAN WAS BRIEFLY OCCUPIED BY ABOUT 100 SUBVERSIVES WHO PROCEEDED TO ROB THE INHABITANTS OF MONEY AND FOOD.
--ON 8/27 A TOTAL OF TEN BOMB EXPLODED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF SAN SALVADOR CAUSING BOTH HEAVY DAMAGE AND WOUNDED CASUALTIES.
--ON 8/27 AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON THE LIFE OF ALEJANDRO DUARTE, SON OF THE JUNTA PRESIDENT DUARTE. THE YOUNGER DUARTE ESCAPED UNHARMED.
--ON 8/28 IN SANTA TECLA, LA LIBERTAD SUBVERSIVES STOPPED A BUS AND COLLECTED WAR TAXES FROM THE PASSENGERS.
--ON 8/28 IN SANTA ANA TWO ELECTRICAL POST WERE DYSTROYED CUTTING POWER IN SOME AREAS.
--ON 8/28 NEAR LA PALMA, CHALATENANGO THE DISCOVERY OF SEVERAL GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENTS LED TO EXCAENGES WITH FIRE WITH GOVERNMENT FORCES. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
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4. CREDIT AND BLAME. THE CLANDESTINE GUERRILLA RADIO VENCEREMOS HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS, NONE OF WHICH WAS REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS.
--THE 8/16 BARRICADING OF THE ROAD TO SANTA CLARA, SAN VICENTE.
--ON 8/3 8 16 ATTACK ON THE QUARTEL OF THE 3RD INFANTRY BRIGADE IN SAN MIGUEL. (THIS IS AN EXCEPTION AS THE ATTACK WAS PUBLICLY REPORTED).
--THE 8/16 DESTRUCTION OF BRIDGE OUTSIDE SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA, MORAZAN
--THE 8/17 DESTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE OUTSIDE AND THE SUBSEQUENT BLOCKING OF RAILROAD TRACKS NEAR TALPETATES, SAN MIGUEL
--THE COMBAT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND GUERRILLA FORCES AT LA PITA, SAN VICENTE.
--THE 8/19 COMBAT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND GUERRILLA FORCES AT LA LAGUNA, CHALATENANGO. RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED GOVERNMENT FORCES SUFFERED 10 CASUALTIES.
--THE 8/20 [illegible] (DEPARTMENT NOT HEARD)
--THE 8/20 COMBAT IN VILLA EL ROSARIO, CABANAS IN WHICH EIGHT CASUALTIES WERE ALLEGEDLY INFLICTED ON THE ARMY.
--THE 8/22 PARTIAL DESTRUCTION ON THE LAS QUEBRADAS BRIDGE IN LA PAZ.
--THE 8/20 DETONATION OF A MINE UNDER A GOVERNMENT MILITARY TRUCK AT AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION THIRTEEN CASUALTIES WERE CLAIMED.
--THE 8/20 DESTRUCTION OF THE ELECTRICAL TOWERS NEAR ZACATECOLUCA LA PAZ.

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-- THE 8/26 DAMAGE AFFICTED TO RAILROAD TRACKS AND A
POWER PLANT IN SAN VICENTE.
--THE 8/20 DOWNING OF TWO HELICOPTERS NEAR GUAZAPA
VOLCANO, SAN SALVADOR.
--THE 8/22 AMBUSH OF A MILITARY PATROL NEAR LA LAGUNA CHALATENANGO
IN WHICH 14 CASUALTIES WERE ALLEGELLY AFFLICTED.
--THE 8/26 DISTRUCTION OF TWO ELECTRICAL TOWERS NEAR
SAN CARLOS ZELAMATE, SAN MIGUEL.
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--THE 8/27 DOWNING OF POWERLINE IN SAN SALVADOR.
--THE 8/28 AMBUSH OF A MILITARY CONVOY OUTSIDETUSULUTAN
IN WHICH 15 SOLDIERS ALLEGELLY BECAME CASUALTIES.
--THE 8/28 SEIZURE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD IN SAN MIGUEL
DURING WHICH A PROPAGANDA SESSION WAS HELD.
--THE 8/28 ATTACK ON A CHEMICAL WAREHOUSE OF UNSPECIFIED
FOREIGN OWNERSHIP IN SAN MIGUEL.
--THE 8/28 ATTACK ON GAS STORAGE TANKS IN SAN MIGUEL.
5. A FINAL NOTE: ON 8/24 A RADIO VENCEREMOS BROADCAST
DELIVERED GREETINGS TO THOSE AGENTS OF THE FMLN REPORTED
TO BE WORKING UNDERCOVER IN THE SALVADORAN GOVERMENT
AND SECURITY FORCES. THIS FOLLOWS BY SEVERAL WEEKS THE
EXPLOSION OF A BOMB WITHIN THE NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS
IN LOMTON SAN SALVADOR. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS
RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR MARXIST MOLES WHO
HAD PENETRATED THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLICE.
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E. O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: PINS, PINT, ES
SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4
1. SUMMARY: THE VIOLENCE AFFLICTING EL SALVADOR EXPERIENCED
ONE OF ITS PERIODIC DOWNWARD FLUCTUATIONS DURING THE WEEK IN
QUESTION. AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF 67 PERSONS WERE REPORTED
MURDERED AND 22 TERRORIST INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE. INCLUDED
AMONG THE DEAD WERE THE MAYORS OF TWO TOWNS. TERRORIST
INCIDENTS WERE A RANDOM COLLECTION OF BOMBINGS, AMBUSHES
AND ATTACKS ON TOWNS AND FARMS. IN SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS. PRESS SOURCES RECORDED THE DEATHS OF SOME 67
PERSONS THIS WEEK. IN ADDITION, THE ARMED FORCES PUBLISHED A
NOTICE LAMENTING THE DEATHS OF FIVE SOLDIERS IN CONFRONTA-
TIONS WITH THE GUERRILLAS. THE DISAPPEARANCES OF A FURTHER
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15 PERSONS WAS RECORDED. ONE OF THESE, THE MAYOR OF SAN
LORENZO, WAS CAPTURED AT A "MILITARY ROADBLOCK" (ACCORDING TO THE
PRESS) AND LATER FOUND DEAD. OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF 67, TWO WERE
REPORTED KILLED BY VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE SECURITY FORCES, 8
BY LEFTIST TERRORISTS, AND 4 FELL VICTIM TO THE RIGHT-WING MAX-
IMILIANO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ DEATH SQUAD. AS IS ALWAYS THE CASE HERE,
THE MAJORITY OF THE VICTIMS, 52 IN NUMBER, MET DEATH AT THE
HANDS OF UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS FOR UNKNOWN RS. A BREAK-
DOWN OF THE DEAD BY OCCUPATION YIELDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMA-
TION:
7 WORKERS 3 NATIONAL GUARDSMEN
1 FARMER 1 FORMER NATIONAL GUARDSMAN
1 MASON 1 ADMINISTRATOR
2 STUDENTS 2 EMPLOYEES
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1 SHOEMAKER 1 CAMPESINO
2 MAYORS
45 UNKNOWN
67 TOTAL

A BREAKDOWN OF THE AGES OF THE VICTIMS YIELDS THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

A. AGE 17 AND UNDER	7
B. AGES 18-25	17
C. AGES 26-35	14
D. AGES 36-50	9
E. AGES 51 AND OVER	3
F. UNKNOWN	15
	67 TOTAL

3. SPECIAL NOTE: AMONG THE 67 VICTIMS OF THIS WEEK'S VIOLENCE WERE THE MAYORS OF TWO SMALL TOWNS. BOTH WERE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. THE MAYOR OF NEJAPA MANUEL CANO CALLEJAS DISAPPEARED
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SEPTEMBER 2 AND WAS FOUND SHOT THE FOLLOWING DAY. ON AUGUST 31 ISRAEL BONILLA ROSA, THE 27 YEAR-OLD MAYOR OF SAN LORENZO, SAN VICENTE WAS TAKEN AT A MILITARY CHECKPOINT FROM A BUS ON WHICH HE WAS A PASSENGER. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS THE FOLLOWING DAY INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO INTERCEDE WITH DEFENSE MINISTER GARCIA IN BONILLA ROSA'S FAVOR. REGARDLESS OF ANY INITIATIVES TAKEN, BONILLA ROSA WAS FOUND DEAD ON SEPTEMBER 4. INCIDENTS:

--ON 8/30 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT THE HOME OF AN ARMY OFFICER. NO ONE WAS KILLED.

--ON 8/30 ALONG DEL RIO SECO, IN SAN MIGUEL A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND GUERRILLA FORCES WAS REPORTED. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.

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--ON 8/30 IN SANTA ANA A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE HOME OF AN ATHLETE CAUSING GREAT DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTIES.
--ON 8/30 IN SAN SALVADOR A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED NEAR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. ONE ATTACKER WAS KILLED IN THE RESULTING EXCHANGE.
-- ON 8/30 THE CANTON CALIFLARIA, SAN VICENTE WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF TERRORISTS. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
-- ON 8/31 IN SANTA ANA A BOMB DESTROYED A PRIVATE HOME. NO DEATHS WERE REPORTED.
-- ON 9/1 NEAR CANTON SAN ROQUE, SAN SALVAIOR A MILITARY VEHICLE ESCORTING A WATER TRUCK WAS AMBUSHED BY GUERRILLAS. THREE GUARDIA NACIONAL WERE KILLED AND TWO WERE WOUNDED. RADIO VENCEREMOS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FMLN TOOK CREDIT FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT.
-- ON 9/1 THE HACIENDA MALACATOYA, NEAR ZACATECOLUCA, LA PAZ WAS ATTACKED BY A TERRORIST SQUADRON ESTIMATED TO HAVE
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A STRENGTH OF 200. TWO HACIENDA WORKERS DIED IN THE ASSAULT.
-- ON 9/2 IN ATIQUIZAYA, AHUACHAPAN A GOVERNMENT BUILDING WAS BOMBED, CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGE TO NEIGHBORING STRUCTURES.
-- ON 9/2 IN SAN SALVAIOR TWO BOMBS INSTALLED IN A SHOPPING CENTER DESTROYED A SUPERMARKET, BANK, AND SIX CARS. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE EXPLOSIONS ALSO KNOCKED THE LIGHTS JUST BEFORE A SOCCER GAME IN A NEARBY STADIUM. THE DAY CROWD REMAINED IN THE DARK FOR AN HOUR UNTIL THE POWER RETURNED AND THE GAME COULD BE STARTED.
-- ON 9/2 THE CANTON LA TRINDAD, CABANAS SUFFERED A 5-HOUR ATTACK AT THE HANDS OF GUERRILLAS WHO CARRIED OFF FIVE CIVILIANS AND ONE PATRULLERO.

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-- ON 9/2 NEAR JICUILISCO, USULUTAN, GUERRILLAS MACHINE-GUNNED A BUS, LEAVING FIVE PASSENGERS WOUNDED.
-- ON 9/2 NEAR IZALCO, SONSONATE A FIREFIGHT DEVELOPED WHEN MILITARY PATROLS SURPRISED GUERRILLAS ENGAGED IN THEIR COLLECTION OF WAR TAXES.
-- ON 9/3 IN SAN SALVADOR AN ELECTRICAL LINE POST WAS DOWNED BY SUBVERSIVES.
-- ON 9/3 NEAR CANTON CALIFORNIA, SAN VICENTE A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSHED BY GUERRILLAS LEAVING AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
-- ON 9/3 NEAR CANTON SAN LUCAS, LA PAZ A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND PATRULLEROS LEFT ONE PATRULLERO DEAD.
-- ON 9/3 THE TOWN OF SAN JOSE LAS FLORES, CHALATENANGO SUFFERED A SEVEN FOUR ATTACK AT THE HANDS OF GUERRILLAS. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
-- ON 9/4 THE CANTON SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN, CUSCATLAN WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS WHO LEFT THREE DEAD UPON REPLUSE.
-- ON 9/4 NEAR CHALCHUAPA, SANTA ANA A MILITARY PATROL ENGAGED A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS. CASUALTIES WERE UNDETERMINED.
-- ON 9/4 NEAR CANTON EL PRADO, AHUACHAPAN A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS. CASUALTIES WERE UNREPORTED.

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D. A VIGNETTE: THE SAN SALVADOR DAILIES FOR SEPTEMBER 6 REPORTED THE REASSIGNMENT OF JORGE ANTONIO MARROQUIN BUSTAMANTE, SIXTH PEACE JUDGE OF SAN SALVADOR, DUE TO A SERIES OF THREATS WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED. THE NEWS REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE THREATS WERE COMBINED WITH LEVELS WHEN THE JUDGE'S CAR WAS BURNED AND WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED BY A KNIFE-WIELDING ASSAILANT. BADLY WOUNDED, MARROQUIN BUSTAMANTE ANNOUNCED THAT HE COULD NO LONGER PURSUE HIS DUTIES RESPONSIBLY.

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E.O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: PINS, PINT, ES
SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW SEPTEMBER 5-11
1. SUMMARY: A VICIOUS EXAMPLE OF GUERRILLA JUSTICE
CHARACTERIZED THE VIOLENCE DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION.
ACCORDING TO A FACIALLY RELIABLE PRESS SOURCE GUERRILLA
FORCES INVADED A TOWN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF USULUTAN AND
MURDERED 21 RELATIVES OF SEVEN NATIONAL GUARDSMEN. THESE
21 WERE AMONG THE APPROXIMATELY 89 PERSONS WHO FELL VICTIMS
TO THE ON-GOING VIOLENCE. IN ADDITION, A FURTHER 21 PERSONS
WERE KIDNAPPED OR DISAPPEARED. VIOLENT ACTS WERE CONCENTRATED
IN THE "BATTLEGROUND" DEPARTMENTS OF USULUTAN, CABANAS,
AND SAN VICENTE, AS WELL AS IN THE CAPITAL. A CAR BOMB OF
UNDETERMINED AUTHORSHIP THAT EXPLODED IN FRONT OF THE
ATTRACTIVE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE, DINA DE CALLEJOS,
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OCCASIONED AN UNUSUAL PUBLIC PROTEST AND APPEARS MORE LIKELY
AN ATTACK AGAINST THE JUSTICE SYSTEM ITSELF RATHER THAN UPON
THE PERSON. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS. AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF 89 PERSONS WERE KILLED
IN THE VIOLENCE WHICH IS EL SALVADOR'S DAILY REALITY. THIS
WAS COMPLEMENTED BY THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A FURTHER 21 PERSONS.
OF THE DEAD, 34 WERE VICTIMS OF LEFTIST TERRORISTS. 2 WERE
PRONOUNCED MURDERED BY THE RIGHT-WING ESCUADRON DE LA MUERTE,
AND 5 WERE KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. THE MAJORITY, 48
IN NUMBER, WERE KILLED BY UNKNOWN FORCES. REGARDING THE
DISAPPEARED, PRESS REPORTS INDICATED THAT FOUR PERSONS HAD BEEN
KIDNAPPED BY LEFTISTS AND ONE BY SOLDIERS, WHILE THE
CIRCUMSTANCES OF 16 DISAPPEARANCES WERE UNKNOWN. A BREAKDOWN
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OF THE PERSONS KILLED ACCORDING TO OCCUPATION YIELDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

24 CAMPESINOS	5 STUDENTS
3 MERCHANTS	1 BAKER
1 LABORER	1 PAPER COLLECTOR
1 FARMER	1 EMPLOYEE
2 OFF-DUTY SOLDIERS	1 MASON
1 OFF-DUTY NATIONAL GUARDSMAN	1 PRINTER

46 UNKNOWN
89 TOTAL

A BREAKDOWN OF THOSE MURDERED ACCORDING TO AGE YIELDS THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

A. AGE 17 AND UNDER	4
B. AGES 18-25	15
C. AGES 26-35	12
D. AGES 36-50	12
E. AGES 51 AND UP	5
F. UNKNOWN	41

TOTAL 89
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E. INCIDENTS:

A. -- ON 8/5 NEAR VERAPAZ, SAN VICENTE GUERRILLAS BOMBED AND DESTROYED A CONCENTRATION OF ROAD-BUILDING EQUIPMENT CAUSING, ACCORDING TO SOME ESTIMATES, ONE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF DAMAGE.

B. -- ON 8/7 NEAR SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN A MILITARY PATROL ESCORTING A WATER SUPPLY REPAIR CREW WAS AMBUSHED BY GUERRILLAS. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF TERRORISTS WERE KILLED IN THE ENCOUNTER AND ONE SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED.

C. -- ON 8/7 IN SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN GUERRILLAS CRUISED THE STREETS OF A NEIGHBORHOOD FIRING INDISCRIMINATELY AT DWELLINGS.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OR CONFIRMATION OF KILLED OR WOUNDED.

D. -- ON 8/7 NEAR IZALTEPEQUE, SANTA ANA A SUBVERSIVE ATTEMPT TO DERAIL A TRAIN WAS FRUSTRATED BY TROOPS POSTED ON THE TRAIN.

E. -- ON 8/8 REPORTS WERE MADE THAT TERRORISTS ELEMENTS WERE ENGAGED IN STOPPING VEHICLES AT SIX APPROACHES TO SAN SALVADOR.

F. -- ON 8/8 IN SAN SALVADOR A POWERFUL BOMB DESTROYED A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IN AREA OF THE CAPITAL IN WHICH MANY EMBASSY STAFFERS LIVE.

G. -- ON 8/8 IN SAN SALVADOR A POWERFUL BOMB PLACED IN A CAR EXPLODED IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE OF THE SUBSECRETARY OF JUSTICE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

H. -- ON 8/8 IN SAN SALVADOR THE HOME OF A LAWYER WAS BOMBED CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES. THE HOUSE IS LOCATED TWO BLOCKS FROM THE EMBASSY.

I. -- ON 8/8 THE CANTON ACHIUNO, USULUTAN WAS INVADED BY

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GUERRILLAS WHO KILLED 21 RELATIVES OF SEVEN NATIONAL GUARDSMEN.

J. -- ON 8/14 NEAR SAN AGUSTIN, USULUTAN, A NUMBER OF FIRE-FIGHTS BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND SECURITY FORCES WERE REPORTED. NO ESTIMATES AS TO CASUALTIES.

K. -- ON 8/10 NEAR CANTON EL ZAPOTE, CABANAS A BUS AND AN

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ESCORTING NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE WERE AMBUSHED BY TERRORISTS, LEAVING SIX DEAD AND FIVE WOUNDED.

L. -- ON 8/14 NEAR METAPAN, SANTA ANA A TRAIN WAS DERAILED AFTER A DYNAMITE CHARGE WAS EXPLODED UNDER THE ENGINE.

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TAGS: PINS, PINT, ES
SUBJECT: VIOLENCE BEING IN REVIEW: SEPTEMBER 12-18
REF: SS 8033
1. SUMMARY: ANOTHER PROFILED MASSACRE CHARACTERIZED THE VIOLENCE DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION. LATE PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT 30 PERSONS WERE MURDERED IN THE VILLAGE OF "LAS POZAS" A SCANT TWO KILOMETERS FROM THE DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OF SAN VICENTE. THE MASSACRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO "EXTREMISTS" IN THE PRESS AND SPECULATION THERE IS THAT THE DEAD MAY HAVE PERISHED TO SUPPORT THE SUBVERSIVE CAUSE, BUT OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES APPEAR TO MAKE THIS A SUPPOSITION RATHER THAN AUTORITATIVE JUDGEMENT. THE 30 VICTIMS ARE AMONG THE APPROXIMATELY 72 PERSONS WHO SUCCUMBED TO THE PERSISTENT
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VIOLENCE OVER THIS PAST WEEK. IN ADDITION, A FURTHER 13 PERSONS WERE KIDNAPPED OR DISAPPEARED. THE CAPITAL OF SAN SALVADOR EXPERIENCED A RASH OF BOMBINGS AND PROPERTIES SPONSORED BY THE AGRARIAN REFORM INSTITUTE (ISTA) EARNED THE ATTENTION OF THE GUERRILLAS. THE CLANDESTINE RADIO VENCEREMOS TOOK CREDIT FOR A NUMBER OF ACTIONS REPORTED LAST WEEK, INCLUDING AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF THE SUB-SECRETARY OF JUSTICE. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES: AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF 72 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN THE VIOLENCE WHICH AFFLICTS THIS COUNTRY. THIS WAS COMPLEMENTED BY THE PUBLICLY REPORTED DEATHS IN ACTION OF 8 MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES AND BY THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A FURTHER 13 PERSONS. OF THE 72 DEAD, 6 WERE REPORTED HAVING BEEN KILLED BY LEFTISTS, AND
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THE KILLERS OF 43 PERSONS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. NO CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN DRAWN CONCERNING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 36 MURDERS AT LAS POZAS; THEY MAY REMAIN UNKNOWN. REGARDING THE DISAPPEARED, PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE ARMY KIDNAPPED ONE PERSON, WHILE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE REMAINING 12 DISAPPEARANCES WERE UNKNOWN. A BREAKDOWN OF THE PERSONS KILLED ACCORDING TO OCCUPATION YIELDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

2 DRIVERS	1 MASON
5 EMPLOYEES	1 PHOTOGRAPHER
1 STUDENT	1 TAILOR
2 CAMPESINOS	1 FARMER
1 FARM COLLECTOR	1 MECHANIC
1 OFF-DUTY NATIONAL GUARDSMAN	62 UNKNOWN
	79 TOTAL

A BREAK DOWN OF THOSE MURDERED ACCORDING TO AGE YIELDS THE
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FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

A. AGE 17 AND UNDER	5
B. AGES 18-25	19
C. AGES 26-35	8
D. AGES 36-50	4
E. AGES 51 AND UP	0
F. UNKNOWN	43

B. INCIDENTS:

A.--ON 8/12 THE HACIENDA CHILANGUERA, SAN MIGUEL WAS OVERRUN BY 50 ARMED MEN ON PAYDAY WHO ROBBED THE HACIENDA OF 44,000 COLONES ($18,000 AMERICAN) AND KILLED THREE EMPLOYEES OF THE FARM;

B.--ON 8/13 A REPORTED MILITARY OPERATION IN THE NORTHERN PART OF USULUTAN DEPARTMENT LEFT AN UNANNOUNCED NUMBER OF CASUALTIES;

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C.--ON 8/14 AT THE HACIENDA MIRAMAR, SAN VICENTE 120
GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY INVADED THE PLACE AND RUSTLED 50 COWS.
A PURSUIT BY SECURITY FORCES TURNED UP NEITHER HIDE NOR HAIR
OF THE RUSTLERS OR THE COWS;
D.--ON 8/14 NEAR CANTON GUAZAPA, SAN MIGUEL A CIVIL DEFENSE
PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS. THE ATTACKED WAS RE-
PELLED WITHOUT LOSS TO THE PATROLLERS;
E.--ON 8/15 IN SAN SALVADOR ELECTRICAL POWER POSTS WERE DY-
NAMITED IN THREE SEPARATE AREAS, LEAVING THE NEIGHBORHOODS
IN TEMPORARY DARKNESS;
F.--ON 8/15 IN THE CAPITAL SUBURB CUSCATANCINGO A CIVILIAN
PATROL ENCOUNTERED A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS ATTACKING A BUS.
NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED IN THE RESULTING FIREFIGHT.
G.--ON 8/15 NEAR SAN PABLO TACACHICO, SANTA ANA TWO ELEC-
TRICAL GENERATORS WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED IN A DYNAMITE
ATTACK.
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H.--ON 8/15 IN THE CAPITAL SUBURB OF CUSCATANCINGO A
FIREFIGHT WAS REPORTED BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND SECURITY FORCES.
I.--ON 8/15 THE VILLAGE OF SAN IGNACIO, CHALATENANGO WAS
TAKEN BY GUERRILLAS WHO OBLIGATED THE INHABITANTS TO LISTEN
TO POLITICAL SPEECHES BEFORE DEPARTING.
J.--ON 8/16 NEAR THE CANTON LLANOS DE ACHICHILCO A SMALL
TRUCK TRANSPORTING NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND CIVILIANS WAS
AMBUSHED BY GUERRILLA. TWO PERSONS WERE KILLED AND 12
WOUNDED IN THE ASSAULT;
K. ON 8/16 THE VILLAGE CASERIO EL CINCUYO, CABAÑAS WAS
INVADED BY TERRORISTS WHO HARANGUED THE INHABITANTS AND KID-
NAPPED A MEMBER OF THE CIVILIAN SECURITY PATROL STATIONED

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THERE;
L.--ON 9/17 IN SAN SALVADOR 12 BOMBS WERE DETONATED BY SUBVERSIVE FORCES, DAMAGING A LARGE NUMBER OF PRIVATE BUSINESSES;
M.--ON 9/17 THE MILITARY GARRISON OF USULUTAN WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLA ARMED WITH MACHINEGUNNES AND ROCKETS. DAMAGE WAS HEAVY AND NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED;
N.--ON 9/18 THE GUARDIA NACIONAL POST IN USULUTAN WAS ATTACKED BY ROCKET-ARMED TERRORIST. AGAIN THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
4. CREDIT AND BLAME: THE CLANDESTINE RADIO VENCEREMOS REPORTED ON AND CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE THREE FMLN TERRORIST ATTACKS REPORTED LAST WEEK (SEE REFTEL, ITEMS F,G,I,) INCLUDING THE ATTEMP TO KILL DINA CASTRO DE CALLEJAS, SUBSECRETARY OF JUSTICE. SHE WAS ACCUSED OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR VARIOUS REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST POLITICAL PRISONERS INCLUDING ENGINEERING DELAYS IN THEIR TRIALS. RADIO VENCEREMOS ALSO CLAIMED VICTORY IN AN ALLEGED FOUR AND ONE-HALF HOUR CONFRONTATION WITH GOVERNMENT FORCES NEAR EL CARAGUITO, USULUTAN ON SEPT 6. CLAIMED CASUALTIES WERE 32 KILLED ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE AND TWO ON THE GUERRILLA SIDE.
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5. VIGNETTES: ON 9/17 SAN SALVADOR DAILIES REPORTED THE DEATH IN AN AMBUSH OF TWO PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED AS MEMBERS OF A SUBVERSIVE CELL OF THE "MOVIMIENTO DE LIBERACION POPULAR" ARRESTED THE PREVIOUS DAY, THEY WERE PRESENTED AT A TELEVISED PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH THEY DETAILED THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE CELL, WHICH PRINCIPALLY INVOLVED BUYING PROVISIONS. WHILE BEING TRANSFERED TO MARIONA PRISON, UNDER MILITARY ESCORT, THE CONVOY WAS AMBUSHED. IN THE EXHANGE BOTH PRISONERS DIED AND ONE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN WAS WOUNDED.
6. IN AN UNRELATED ITEM, PRESS ACCOUNTS LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED THE MURDER OF A FATHER AND HIS TWO SONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER IN NOVEMBER, 1980, OF COL. CARLOS CHOTO AND HIS FAMILY, ALL OF WHOM WERE BURNED TO DEATH WHEN THEIR HOME WAS FIRE-BOMBED BY UNKNOWN PARTIES.
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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: SEPTEMBER 18-25
REF: SAN SALVADOR 7163
1. SUMMARY: FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE [illegible] REPORTED MURDERS IN EL SALVADOR WERE DOWN (I.E. LESS THAN 100). APPROXIMATELY 70 PERSONS FELL VICTIM TO POLITICAL VIOLENCE DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION. INCLUDED IN THIS FIGURE IS THE SLAUGHTER BY UNKNOWN PARTIES AND IN SEPARATE LOCATIONS OF TWO FAMILIES, EACH OF SIX MEMBERS. IN ADDITION, A FURTHER 17 PERSONS WERE KIDNAPPED OR DISSAPEARED. TERRORIST INCIDENTS WERE ALSO DOWN SLIGHTLY WITH 19 SUCH ACTIONS REPORTED. RADIO VENCEREMOS, ECA-EVEA, REGISTERED ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FOR TERRORIST ACHIEVE-
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MENT. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS AND DISSAPEARENCES. AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF 70 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN THE VIOLENCE WHICH AFFLICTS THIS COUNTRY. THIS WAS COMPLIMENTED BY THE PUBLICLY REPORTED DEATH IN ACTION OF 7 MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES AND BY THE DISSAPEARANCES OF A FURTHER 17 PERSONS. OF THE 70 DEAD, 6 WERE REPORTED HAVING BEEN KILLED BY LEFTIST, WHILE THE KILLERS OF THE REMAINING 64 PERSONS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. SIMILARLY, THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE 17 DISSAPEARANCES REMAIN UNKNOWN. A BREAKDOWN OF THE PERSONS KILLED ACCORDING TO OCCUPATION YIELDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
2 MERCHANTS 1 FORMER CITY POLICEMAN
3 EMPLOYEES 1 STUDENTS
4 LABORERS 4CAMPESINOS
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1 DRESSMAKER
1 TAILOR
1 CATTLE HERDER
3 FARMERS
1 CIVIL DEFENSE GUARD
1 MECHANIC
1 ADMINISTRATOR
1 RADIO ANNOUNCER
1 DRIVER
1 OFF-DUTY SOLDIER
40 UNKNOWN

70 TOTAL

A BREAKDOWN OF THOSE MURDERED ACCORDING TO AGE YIELDS THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

A. AGE 17 AND UNDER 7
B. AGES 18-25 18
C. AGES 26-35 10
D. AGES 36-50 11
E. AGES 51 AND OVER 4
F. UNKNOWN 20

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70 TOTAL

G. INCIDENTS:

A. ON 9/18 NEAR SANTA ROSA DE LIMA, SAN MIGUEL, TERRORISTAS WERE REPORTED STOPPING VEHICLES IN ORDER TO COLLECT WAR TAXES THROUGH ROBBERY.

B. ON 9/18 NEAR INTIPUCA, SAN MIGUEL, A SERIES OF BUSES WERE STOPPED BY SUBVERSIVES WHO ENGAGED THEMSELVES IN THE FURTHER COLLECTION OF WAR TAXES.

C. ON 9/19 NEAR LA POSAS, SAN VICENTE, A GROUP OF SOLDIERS RETURNED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF A MASSACRE WHICH TOOK PLACE THERE (REPORTED REFTEL) WERE AMBUSHED BY GUERRILLAS. FOUR SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED.

D. ON 9/20 IN SONSONATE, TWO STRONG FIRE FIGHTS WERE REPORTED BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND SECURITY FORCES. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PERSONS WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED.

E. ON 9/20 IN AND NEAR SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN, ATACKS ON THE TOWN HOSPITAL, PRISON, AND VARIOUS MILITARY PATROLS WERE REPORTED.

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F. ON 8/20 NEAR SAN SEBASTIAN, SAN VICENTE, TWO ELECTRICAL TOWERS WERE FELLED BY DYNAMITE, CUTTING ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO A LARGE PART OF THE COUNTRY.
G. ON 8/21 NEAR CASSERIO AGUA FRIA, SANTA ANA, TERRORIST BOMBS DESTROYED TWO FURTHER ELECTRICAL TOWERS, LEAVING THE TOWN OF METAPAN WITHOUT POWER.
H. ON 8/21 BETWEEN VILLA DOLORES AND SENSUNTEPEQUE, CABANAS, TERRORIST MACHINE GUNNED A BUS, FORCING IT TO STOP. THE TERRORISTS THEN PROCEEDED TO ROB THE PASSENGERS OF MONEY AND BELONGINGS. TWO PASSENGERS WERE WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE, WHILE THE BUS DRIVER HAD HIS RIGHT HAND CUT OFF BY THE ATTACKERS SO THAT "HE WON'T CONTINUE WORKING".
I. ON 8/22 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB DESTROYED THE OFFICES OF A LOCAL BANK.
J. ON 8/22 IN THE CAPITAL SUBURB OF MEJICANOS A BOMB WAS
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DETONATED IN AN ELECTRICAL GOODS STORE AND THE LOCAL COMMAND POST WAS ATTACKED. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.
K. ON 8/22 NEAR SAN ISIDRO, CABANAS, A SERIES OF ELECTRICAL POST WERE TOPPLED BY TERRORISTS LEAVING MUCH OF THE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT POWER.
L. ON 8/23 THE HACIENDA "EL PANAL" WAS ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS WHO RETREATED UPON PURSUIT BY THE CIVIL GUARDSMEN AND SOLDIERS GUARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT.
M. ON 8/23 NEAR CANTON SANTA OLAYA, CABANAS AN ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND NATIONAL GUARDSMEN LEFT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
N. ON 8/23 NEAR CINQUERA, CABANAS, A NATIONAL GUARD

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CONVOY WAS ATTACKED FOUR TIMES WHILE TRANSPORTING FOOD TO CINQUERA. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.

O. ON 9/24 THE TOWN OF NUEVO EDEN DE SAN JUAN, SAN MIGUEL, WAS UNSUCCESSFULLY TROUGE BY AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF INSURGENTS WERE CAPTURED WERE CAPTURED AND THEN KILLED.

P. ON 9/24 THE TOWN OF SANTA MARIA, USULUTAN, WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF TERRORIST WHO BURNED THE CITY HALL.

Q. ON 9/25 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB SEVERELY DAMAGED A COMMERCIAL BUILDING.

4. CREDIT AND CLAIMS:

THE CLANDESTINE RADIO VENCEREMOS REPORTED ON AND CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE EMEN INSURGENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTED LAST WEEK (SEE REFTEL, ITEM L). IN ADDITION RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS NOT REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS:

1. A 9/15 ATTACK ON THE GARRISON OF SAN LORENZO, SAN VICENTE
2. A 9/15 ATTACK WHICH DAMAGED AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWER IN SAN CALITANO, SAN VICENTE.
3. A ONE AND A HALF HOUR BATTLE WITH GOVERMENT FORCES

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NEAR LA SELVA, MORAZAN

4. A 9/22 ATTACK ON AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION IN SAN MIGUEL

5. THE 9/20 OCCUPATION BY FMLN TROOPS OF HACIENDA "LA MASCOTA" SAN MIGUEL, WHERE A MEETING WAS SUPPORTEDLY HELD.

RADIO VENCEREMOS ALSO CLAIMED THE NATIONAL GUARD FOR THE DEATH LAST WEEK OF TWO CAPTURED MEMBERS OF THE "MOVIMIENTO DE LIBERACION POPULAR" (MLP) (SEE REFTEL PARA 5.) THE GUERRILLAS SOURCE DECLARED THAT NATIONAL GUARDSMEN DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES HAD SIMULATED AN ATTACK ON THE VEHICLES CONVEYING THE TWO DETAINEES IN ORDER TO CONCEAL THEIR MURDERS.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. de Lugo:

I am replying to your letter of March 4, to the Secretary requesting that the Department of State recommend to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) that Salvadoran refugees in the United States be granted voluntary departure status in lieu of forcible repatriation to El Salvador.

Under the United Nations Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, the United States is prohibited from undertaking the forced expulsion (refoulement) of a refugee to a country or frontier where persecution is likely to occur. In addition, the Refugee Act of 1980 obliges the granting of asylum status to those who establish a well-founded fear of persecution upon return to their country of nationality for reason of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion. The responsiblity for establishing a well-founded fear of persecution rests with each applicant. The INS does not classify Salvadorans in the United States as refugees unless they individually establish that their fear of being persecuted is a well-founded one.

Questions regarding exclusion or deportation proceedings are, of course, under the jurisdiction of the INS. The Immigration Service has informed us that no Salvadoran asylum seeker is sent back until a determination has been made that the claimant has not established a well-founded fear of persecution. It is not necessary for Salvadorans to "formally" request asylum. If a positive indication of unwillingness to return to El Salvador is made, and if the unwillingness is based on a fear of being persecuted, that is sufficient to have the case processed through asylum procedures.

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The Honorable
Ron de Lugo,
House of Representatives.

Due to the so-called "final offensive" last January by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, the Department believed it prudent to ask the INS to suspend action for 90 days on Salvadoran asylum requests. This 90-day period lapses April 15 at which time the Department intends to resume review of Salvadoran asylum requests. For those who establish a well-founded fear of persecution upon return to El Salvador the Department, in its advisory opinion, will so inform the appropriate INS District Office.

While civil strife and violence in El Salvador continue at distressing levels, conditions there do not, at present, warrant the granting of blanket voluntary departure to Salvadorans in the United States. While fighting in some areas has been severe, El Salvador has not suffered the same level of wide-spread fighting, destruction and breakdown of public services and order as did for example, Nicaragua, Lebanon, or Uganda at the time when voluntary departure was recommended by the Department and granted by INS for nationals of those countries. Public order and public services, while under a serious attack, are still maintained, especially in San Salvador and the larger cities. Moreover, Salvadorans now present in the U.S., whose number may be as high as 500,000, who were not involved in political or military activities before their departure, would not face, upon return, any more danger than is faced by their compatriots who never left the country.

We believe that the majority of Salvadorans in the United States did not depart their country solely to seek safehaven in this country. Most traveled through third countries before entering the United States and many of them entered quite some time ago. Other countries closer to El Salvador, Honduras for example, have been generous in offering safehaven to Salvadorans who have fled. Thus, it is not true that only the United States is a possible refuge. The Department, therefore, at this time, is not in a position to recommend to the INS the blanket granting of voluntary departure status for illegal Salvadorans presently in the U.S.

We will, of course, continue to assess Salvadorans developments closely and will inform the INS should these developments dictate a change in our position regarding voluntary departure status for Salvadorans.

Sincerely,

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SUBJ: (C) CHAVEZ MENA ON INTERNAL/EXTERNAL PRESSURES
REF: A) SALISBURY 5234; B) SAN SALVADOR 8131
1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT.)
2. SUMMARY: AT REGULAR BREAKFAST WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM OCTOBER 27 THE FOREIGN MINISTER TRIED TO SORT OUT THE CONFUSED INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES ON THE GOES IN THE WAKE OF THE LOPEZ PRESS CONFERENCE AND PUENTE DE ORO DESTRUCTION. IN ADDITION TO SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS ON TACA, ANDEAN GROUP OBSERVERS, ATTACK ON SON OF SALVADORAN AMBASSADOR AND THE FOMIN'S EUROPEAN TRIP (SEPTEMBER), WE DISCUSSED: DOMESTIC PRESSURES, NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FDR, OPTIONS FOR REPLY TO MEXICAN INITIATIVE, A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL PLAN AND RECENT INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS. END SUMMARY.
3. DOMESTIC PRESSURES/NEGOTIATIONS WITH FDR:
CHAVEZ MENA SAID THAT THE POLITICAL/MILITARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY OCTOBER 23 TO DISCUSS THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL WAS POSTPONED UNTIL WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28 BECAUSE OF THE "INABILITY" OF VARIOUS PEOPLE TO ATTEND. IN FACT,
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CHAVEZ WAS CONVINCED THAT NO ONE WANTED THE MEETING AT THIS TIME. THE CIVILIAN MINISTERS ARE AFRAID AND THE MILITARY MEMBERS ARE TRYING TO PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND ANY DECISION ON THIS DELICATE SUBJECT. CHAVEZ, SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF, SAID THAT HE TOO WAS RELUCTANT TO PUT FORTH PROPOSALS FOR NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE HE COULD GET HIMSELF KILLED. CHAVEZ INDICATED THAT THIS ATTITUDE WAS WIDESPREAD NOW IN THE GOES WITH TENSIONS HAVING RISEN AND THE DESIRE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE NATION'S PROBLEMS HAVING FALLEN. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE LOPEZ PRESS CONFERENCE MORE THAN ANY OTHER FACTOR. HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT ANYTHING COULD COME OF THE OCTOBER 28 MEETING AND WAS CONCERNED THAT NO RESPONSE TO THE MALIN INITIATIVE WOULD BE EVEN WORSE THAN A NEGATIVE RESPONSE.
4. OPTIONS FOR REPLY TO MEXICAN INITIATIVE:
CHAVEZ SHOWED US A CAREFULLY PREPARED FOUR-PAGE DOCUMENT

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OUTLINING HIS THOUGHTS ON THE OPTIONS FOR RESPONDING TO THE MEXICAN INITIATTIVE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE WERE ONLY FOR DISCUSSION WITH US AND THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF SUBMITTING HIS ANALYSIS TO THE POLITICAL/MILITARY COMMITTEE. CHAVEZ MENA PREPARED FIVE OPTIONS RANGING FROM FULL ACCEPTANCE OF THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL THROUGH OUTRIGHT REJECTION OF IT. HE WAS CAREFUL TO INCLUDE IN EACH OF THE PROPOSALS FOR FULL OR MODIFIED ACCEPTANCE A NOTE FOR THE U.S. HIS OPTIONS INCLUDED ONE WHICH SIMPLY SUGGEST MEXICO GET TOGETHER WITH THE U.S. AND COME BACK WITH A NEW PROPOSAL.
3. COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL PLAN:
AS OUR CONVERSATION PROGRESSED, CHAVEZ MENA PRODUCED AND NOTED ON THE BACK OF HIS OPTIONS PAPER A FOUR-POINT
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STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH CURRENT POLITICAL PRESSURES:
--FIRST, AN EDUCATIONAL SESSION HE WOULD CALL AS FOREIGN MINISTER INVOLVING LEADERS OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES, PRIVATE SECTOR, AND MILITARY IN WHICH HE WOULD EXPLAIN THE REALITIES OF THE EXTERNAL PRESSURES ON SALVADOR. THE GOAL WOULD BE TO EVINCE SOME UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE NEED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THESE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES.
--SECOND, AN EXTERNAL DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE. SALVADOR WOULD SEND AGAIN SENIOR ILLEGALES TO SELECTED CAPITALS TO REINFORCE THEIR POSITION ON ELECTIONS.
--THIRD, ALONG WITH THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE.
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SALVADOR COULD EXTEND FORMAL INVITATIONS TO SENI OBSERVERS
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WITH MEXICO.
CHAVEZ MENA DID NOT EXPRESS A PREFERENCE FOR ANY OF THE
OPTIONS BUT BELIEVED SALVADOR'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION COULD
BE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED IF THEY APPEARED TO REJECT DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE FDR OUT OF HAND.
5. OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS:
THE FOREIGN MINISTER INDICATED SOME SUCH STRATEGY WOULD BE
ESSENTIAL TO DEAL WITH THE DEBATE TO BEGIN OCTOBER 28 IN
THE UN ON SALVADOR'S HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. HE AGREED WITH
THE AMBASSADOR THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO DEVELOP A COMMON
STRATEGY FOR MEETING ANY HOSTILE MOVES. THE AMBASSADOR
ADVISED THE MINISTER THAT WE HAD REPORTS THAT THE FMLN WAS
ACTIVE IN AFRICA (REF A) DEALING CHAVEZ MENA TO EXPRESS
DISSATISFACTION AT THE LACK OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
RESOURCES TO RESPOND TO SUCH A CHALLENGE. HE COMPLAINED
BITTERLY THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD HAD TO PAY MANY OF HIS OWN EX-
PENSES ON RECENT TRIPS, THAT THE MINISTRY COULD NOT SEND A
DELEGATION TO AN FAO MEETING, THAT IT WAS ONLY WITH GREAT
DIFFICULTY THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO SEND A LEGAL EXPERT TO HELP
WITH UN DELEGATION AND THAT TACA WOULD NOT LONGER EXTEND
CREDIT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BECAUSE THEIR BILLS WERE SO
BAD IT APPEARS. ON THE OTHER HAND, CHAVEZ
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MENA WAS SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED BY THE PLANNED VISIT OF THE
COLOMBIAN VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS BEGINNING
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WHICH IS REFERRED TO IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE. REQUEST GUIDANCE
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- A. AIDE MEMOIRE. BEGIN TEXT:
THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
REFUGEES CONTINUES TO BE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
PROBLEM OF SALVADORIAN ASYLUM SEEKERS IN THE UNITED STATES.
IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION WHICH PRESENTLY PREVAILS IN EL
SALVADOR IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESCAPE THE VIEW THAT LARGE
NUMBERS OF SALVADORIANS WOULD BE EXPOSED TO SERIOUS
DANGER IN THE EVENT OF THEIR BEING RETURNED TO THEIR
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.
- FROM THE TIME WHEN THIS PROBLEM FIRST AROSE, THE
OFFICE HAS CONTINUED TO RECEIVE ALLEGATIONS AND PRESS
REPORTS CONCERNING SALVADORIANS WHO HAVE BEEN DEPORTED TO
THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES
AND WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES
UPON THEIR RETURN. ATTENTION IS DRAWN IN PARTICULAR TO
A PRESS REPORT APPEARING IN THE "OBSERVER" OF 14 JUNE 1981,

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THE TEXT OF WHICH IS ATTACHED. (SEE PARA 1-E BELOW.)

- ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE INFORMATION, THE GENERAL SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR IS VERY PRECARIOUS WITH THE RESULT THAT CLAIMS BY SALVADORIANS THAT THEY ARE EXPOSED TO SERIOUS DANGER IN THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN MAY WELL BE JUSTIFIED.

- AS FAR AS APPLICATIONS FOR ASYLUM BASED ON REFUGEE STATUS ARE CONCERNED, THE OFFICE CONSIDERS THAT REGARD SHOULD NOT ONLY BE HAD TO ACTION OR THREATENED ACTION EMANATING FROM GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES. AS INDICATED

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IN PARAGRAPH 65 OF THE HANDBOOK ON PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING REFUGEE STATUS, "WHERE SERIOUS DISCRIMINATORY OR OTHER OFFENSIVE ACTS ARE COMMITTED BY THE LOCAL POPULACE, THEY CAN BE CONSIDERED AS PERSECUTION IF THEY ARE KNOWINGLY TOLERATED BY THE AUTHORITIES, OR IF THE AUTHORITIES REFUSE, OR PROVE UNABLE, TO OFFER EFFECTIVE PROTECTION". MOREOVER, EVEN IF SALVADORIANS MAY NOT BE IN A POSITION TO JUSTIFY A CLAIM TO REFUGEE STATUS ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED CRITERIA, THEY MAY NEVERTHELESS HAVE GOOD REASONS TO FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE VIOLENT CONDITIONS PRESENTLY EXISTING IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY. THEY COULD THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED AS DISPLACED PERSONS IN A REFUGEE-LIKE SITUATION WHO, BY VIRTUE OF RECENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS, ARE OF CONCERN TO THE OFFICE. IN REGARD TO SUCH PERSONS, THEREFORE, THE OFFICE CONSIDERS THAT PERMISSION SHOULD BE GIVEN FOR THEM TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CONDITIONS IN EL SALVADOR IMPROVE. END TEXT.

- ARTICLE FROM THE JUNE 14, 1981 OBSERVER. BEGIN TEXT: MIGRANTS FIND ONLY PRISON IN LAND OF THE FREE (FROM CLIVE GRAHAM-RANGER IN LOS ANGELES)

- SALVADORAN PRISONERS IN A 'BOILING TANK' IN EL CENTRO CALIFORNIA, ON THE UNITED STATES/MEXICAN BORDER, HAVE STAGED A TWO-WEEK HUNGER STRIKE IN PROTEST AT THE SHOOTING IN SAN SALVADOR OF 32 SALVADORAN NATIONALS DEPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES LAST MONTH.

- THE HUNGER STRIKE HIGHLIGHTS THE BATTLE BETWEEN LOS ANGELES LAWYERS AND U.S. IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS OVER THEIR TREATMENT OF THE REFUGEES.

- ALMOST ALL OF THE ESTIMATED 300,000 SALVADORIANS IN AMERICA -- MOSTLY IN CALIFORNIA AND NEW MEXICO -- ENTERED THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY AFTER A HAZARDOUS TREK THROUGH

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MEXICO. MANY TELL OF BEATINGS AND MURDER AT THE HANDS OF THE MEXICAN 'COYOTES,' OR ALIEN-SMUGGLERS. THOSE THAT DO MAKE IT INTO THE UNITED STATES FACE FURTHER DANGERS.

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- IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS IMMIGRATION POLICE HAVE STEPPED UP RAIDS ON FACTORIES, SHOPS AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES. ONCE ARRESTED, THE SALVADORANS ARE TAKEN TO THE 'HOLDING TANKS' IN CALIFORNIA.
- THE MEN'S CAMP IN EL CENTRO HAS A REPUTATION FOR BAD CONDITIONS AND THREE LOS ANGELES AID GROUPS HAVE PETITIONED THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ACCESS TO THE CAMP. THE CAMP FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, IN PASADENA, IS A CONVERTED OLD PEOPLE'S REST HOME WHERE CONDITIONS ARE DESCRIBED AS GOOD.
- BRUCE BOWMAN, 32, AN IMMIGRATION LAWYER WITH THE RECENTLY FORMED VOLUNTARY LEGAL AID GROUP, EL RESCATE (RESCUE), SPENDS MOST OF HIS DAYS AT THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE HEADQUARTERS IN LOS ANGELES.
- EVERY WEEKDAY IMMIGRATION SERVICE COACHES FERRY ABOUT 52 SALVADORANS TO LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ONE OF THE TWO EVENING FLIGHTS TO EL SALVADOR.
- FEW SALVADORANS ACHIEVE THE POLITICAL STATUS NEEDED TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES. THOSE WHO RETURN TO EL SALVADOR FACE ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH, SAY AID WORKERS.
- 'OF THE 2,000 SALVADORANS DEPORTED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1980 AND FEBRUARY 1981, ONLY SEVEN RECEIVED DEPORTATION HEARINGS,' BOWMAN SAID.

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- 'THE REST ARE COERCED INTO SIGNING A VOLUNTARY DEPORTATION ORDER. THAT USUALLY MEANS THEY WERE THREATENED PHYSICALLY OR TOLD THAT IF THEY DIDN'T SIGN, THEY'D NEVER HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE OF ENTERING THE UNITED STATES.'
- BOWMAN AND OTHER LOS ANGELES LAWYERS ARE PETITIONING THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR SALVADORAN REFUGEES AS OUTLINED BY PRESIDENT CARTER. 'BUT UNDER THE REAGAN/HAIG ADMINISTRATION I DOUBT THAT WE'LL GET ANYWHERE,' HE SAID. END OF TEXT.

2. THERE IS GROWING UNHCR AND PRESS INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT. UNHCR IS REPORTEDLY UNDER SOME PRESSURE FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ON THE SALVADORAN ASYLUM ISSUE. IF RECENT ACTION VIS-A-VIS HAITIANS AND SALVADORANS, TOGETHER WITH THE COLBY DANIELSON RANGOM PRESS CONFERENCE (REF C), CONSTITUTE A MAJOR SHIFT IN U.S. REFUGEE ADMISSIONS POLICY. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE SOONEST AS TO APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO UNHCR AND THE PRESS. SELMAN UNQUOTE HAIG

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